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# The Glad Tidings

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## Editorial

"If Radio's slim fingers can pluck a melody from night
And toss it o'er a continent or sea;
If the soft petaled notes of a violin
Are blown o'er a mountain or a city's din;
If songs like fragrant roses are culled from thin blue air,
Then how can mortals wonder
If God hears prayer?"

THE World Day of Prayer will be observed on Friday, February 12th. On that day, in practically every part of the world, groups of women and girls will gather together, or in their own special meetings, for the purpose of uniting their hearts in intercessory prayer. It is not just a few here, or two or three there, but a multitude—a World at Prayer. And not only for one brief hour, but, from sunrise in New Zealand, to sunset in Honolulu, for forty hours, the prayers of devoted women will arise to the throne of grace for guidance in solving the problems that affect each individual, each nation and the whole world—depression, racial conflict, ignorance, international relations and world peace.

Speaking of the Day of Prayer one writer has said: Its fellowship overlaps all barriers of race, color, national and class pride. It includes the shut-in and the traveller as well as those who assemble. National antagonisms are swept away by the rising tide of Christian understanding and goodwill. The inclusiveness of Christ's love becomes an actual experience. Sympathy is quickened to active friendliness for the newcomer, the oppressed and disadvantaged in our own country, and the unprivileged and religiously destitute in every land, that they may learn of the love and power of the compassionate Christ. All over the world the missionaries of the Cross are heartened by the consciousness that they are supported by the prayers of the Church at home.

One of the special privileges which the Day of Prayer brings each year is that of sharing our blessings with others through our offering. If we could but see the empty lives and homes of women and children in the Orient, we would realize something of the joy which a Christian paper or book in their own language brings them, and we are glad that the bulk of our gifts goes to Christian literature.

It is also of interest that the two women chosen by the World Day of Prayer Committee to prepare the ''call'' and the programme for the 1932 Observance—Senorita Elisa Strozze de Pascoe and Mrs. H. A. Yusufji—come from two countries much in the eyes and thought of the world, Mexico and India. Mrs. Pascoe is of Swiss and Spanish parentage and is a Mexican citizen. Last year she was elected President of the Union Nacional de Sociedades Femeniles Christianas. The special work of the Union is the publication of a paper *Antorcha Misionera* which circulates in Cuba, Puerto Rico, Colombia, Argentina, among Spanish-speaking people in the United States and in Mexico. Mrs. Yusufji, formerly Helen Tupper, was for some time a member of the faculty of Isabella Thoburn College. Prior to her marriage to Dr. Yusufji, a graduate of Princeton, she spent two years in Columbia University in quest of her M.A. degree. She and her husband are now at work in the Theological Seminary, Jubbulpore. Mrs. Yusufji's specific field is to be the wives and children of the preachers, the end in view being the preparation of consecrated Christians who will devote their lives to the service of their country. Mrs. Yusufji writes: ''I hope that this programme will help Prayer to mean to many other young women what it means to me. I have not had an easy life; it has been the prayer of faith that has strengthened me at every turn.''

These two women, one from age-torn Mexico, the other from storm-tossed India, see but One Hope for the world—Him who taught us to say, ''Our Father.''

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A special programme for the use of Girls' Groups on the World Day of Prayer has been prepared by the National Girls' Work Board, at the request of the Inter-Board Committee of the Women's Missionary Societies in Canada. Miss Marion V. Royce, National Girls' Work Secretary, Miss Isabel Griffiths, Young People's and Secretary of the W.M.S. of the United Church, and Miss Jean Cowan, our Presbyterian Girls' Work Secretary, were chosen to draft the programme. It will be found on p. 27 of this issue and may be obtained in quantities at our Publications Office at 1c. per copy.

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''Ministering Women'' the official magazine of the Women's Missionary Association, New South Wales, speaking editorially of the World Day of Prayer says:

''If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in Heaven.''

Three great opportunities to test this wonderful promise are ours just now. However limited may be our means of helping in money or in service, this road of prayer is open to all. And it is the *united* volume of prayer that is effective, in ways we dimly begin to understand.

Let every member thus pledge herself—

1. To pray daily for all missions in the special financial difficulties of the present; that the work may not be hindered at this critical time by the mere lack of money.

2. To remember the World's Day of Prayer for Missions, to be held on February 12th, and pray each Sunday evening for all the preparations now being made in all countries for that day.

3. To remember the great cause of World Peace and the Disarmament Conference to be held at Geneva in February. All women throughout Australia are being asked to use daily the prayer printed below.

### Special Prayer for World Peace

''Almighty God, bless, we beseech Thee, the plans for the Disarmament Conference at Geneva next February. Give the nations faith and courage to reduce their armaments. Grant that we, and all men everywhere, may work and pray for the peace of the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.''—Amen.

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WELCOME guests at the Council Executive recently were Miss Maxwell, Mrs. W. Rochester, Miss M. Walker and Miss Hildur Hermanson.

Miss Maxwell, of Sardi, India, who is home on furlough, came into our work from another Mission in India, so this was her first introduction to the Council Executive. She told of her work as an evangelist among her beloved Bhil people—a simple lovable folk who respond to kindness. She found them comparatively indifferent to their sick and was surprised to have a little Bhil girl, who was very ill with malaria, say to her after she had straightened her bedding, soothed her brow and tried to make her comfortable, ''It is the first time I ever had anyone touch me with such love.''

Mrs. Rochester pictured briefly the General Assemblies in England, Ireland and Scotland which she attended with Dr. Rochester who had been appointed a commissioner by our Church. Mrs. Rochester also attended and officially represented our W.M.S. at the women's missionary meetings which convened at the same time as the meetings of the General Assemblies of the Presbyterian Church in England, the Assembly Meeting of the Four Presbyterian Churches in Scotland: the Church of Scotland which met in Assembly Hall in Edinburgh; the Free Church of Scotland; the United Free Church of Scotland (continuing); the United Original Secession Church which convened in Glasgow and the Irish Assembly which convened in the Assembly Hall, Belfast.

Both the Scotch and English Societies do large home work among the Jews, and city mission work is carried on by the sisters (deaconesses). Each Church has a general organization which they call the Women's Guild, to which every woman of the church is supposed to belong. From this general organization, committees are formed to carry on the different activities of the church.

The largest gathering of women was the Foreign Missions meeting at Usher Hall, Edinburgh, when 3,000 women were present. This was followed by a beautiful Communion Service for women held in St. Giles' Cathedral, and conducted by the Dean. An interesting fact is that the Church of Scotland has about 750 missionaries in the foreign fields at the present time. The Women's Foreign Missionary Association of Ireland held its morning session in Rosemary Street Church, Belfast. This Church is noted for its men's Bible class which has an enrolment of 2,400 and an average attendance of 1,800, and is conducted by Miss Parke, the daughter of Dr. Parke who ministered to that congregation for fifty years. At the afternoon session in Grosvenor Hall there was an attendance of over 2,000 women. Mrs. Rochester was tremendously impressed with the splendid women who are conducting the W.M.S. and the earnestness with which they are working. Their needs like ours are: more workers and more money.

Miss Millicent Walker, our new appointee to Scott Institute, Toronto, told of the Sunday School with 70 children, an average of 70 fathers and mothers at the Church service, 27 parents at the prayer meeting, a newly-organized Mission Band, 23 women at the sewing and devotional meetings, and a prospective C.G.I.T. Group.

Miss Hildur Hermanson, who so splendidly represented Canada and the W.M.S. at the Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, England, gave us some idea of the excellence of the training she received both in the hospital and later in district work among the poor in London, and especially the mothers and children. She passed all her examinations and the certificate she received will be recognized in every country. Miss Hermanson was designated in the Moderator's Church, St. Andrew's, Saskatoon, on December 15th, and will sail for Formosa January 16th where she will be on the staff of the ''Mackay Memorial'' Hospital.

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OUR members will be glad to learn that our National Mission work is to be featured in the magazine during 1932. Last year we took up our Overseas Missions, field by field, to the satisfaction of our members. Believing that on the prosecution of the home work depends the success of the foreign, we are going to devote the 1932 magazine largely to our home missions, better known, perhaps, as our national work. This will be divided into educational, medical and evangelistic work, but no hard and fast rule will govern the treatment of the different subjects. Naturally we begin with the oldest established work, that among the Indians. This month merely the historical background is given. This will be followed by a series of most interesting articles from the different schools. The articles on this subject should prove of especial interest to the young people whose study book, ''Council Fires'' deals with the Indians and our work for these first Canadians.

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THE annual meeting of the Council of Women for Home Missions will be held in the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, January 4, 5, 6. The theme of the Conference is ''An Interpretation of Christ in Present Day Life.'' The President, Mrs. Orrin R. Judd, will preside. The worship periods will be conducted by Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Toronto. Addresses on work among the Indians will be given by Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll and Mrs. H. E. Lavel, Toronto. The Inter-Board Committee of the Women's Missionary Societies of Canada are welcoming and entertaining the United States members of the Council at luncheon on Monday, January 4th. At the joint banquet on Tuesday, January 5th, at 6 p.m., Miss Mabel Cartwright, LL.D., Toronto, along with Bishop Francis J. McConnell, President of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, and the Honorable N. W. Rowell, Toronto, will be the speakers.

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REV. S. M. ZWEMER, D.D., LL.D., F.R.G.S., the foremost scholar of Islam in the English speaking world, author of many books, Editor of the *Moslem World*, and, at present, Professor of the Philosophy of Religion and the History of Missions in Princeton Theological Seminary, New Jersey, was in Toronto recently to address the anniversary meeting of the Upper Canada Bible Society. Missionary candidates and Missionary Board Secretaries also had the privilege of hearing this distinguished missionary, thinker, and leader, speak at the School of Missions on ''The New World of Islam.'' Facts and figures and beautiful lantern views produced a picture of the power and extent of Mohammedanism that was startling.

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THE Quadrennial Conference of the Student Volunteer Movement of North America will be held in Buffalo, December 30th to January 3rd. Our W.M.S. are assisting a number of women students to attend. Rev. Hugh MacMillan is in charge of all the Canadian students.

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***THE Great Procession of the Days***
***Sweeps on and on;***
***By upward ways, by downward ways,***
***By ways that fill us with amaze,***
***But ever on***
***They bring us good; they bring us ill;***
***We know not what; they are Thy will***
***As they sweep on . . . . . . .***
***The days and nights Thy good gifts are,***
***Help us to make of them, dear Lord,***
***A holy calendar!*** ***—John Oxenham.***

# The Canadian Indian

*"Before the white man came*
*The Red Man rode the plain,*
*Untitled lord of nature's great domain."*

AMONG the many nationalities found in Canada which are ministered to by the Presbyterian Church, the Indian may be said to have the first claim upon us. The Red Man is the original owner of the country and from him we have received a most valuable heritage. Well may we bring to him, as a small part of what we owe, Christian civilization.

A glimpse of Indian life on Treaty Day

The origin of the Red Man on the North American continent is lost in antiquity. One supposition is that the Indians of Canada are either a branch of the Mongolian family of North Asia, or a remnant of the Mexican or Peruvian Indians, who lived 500 B.C. and were a rich and powerful people.

When Columbus discovered America, he thought it was a part of India, and consequently called the people Indians. He found the inhabitants living in huts and wigwams, made of bark of trees or skins of wild animals. They dwelt together in bands or tribes, and, in Stadacona at Quebec, and Hochelaga, near what is now the city of Montreal, formed quite large villages. The Indians called the villages Kannata, hence the name Canada.

Whatever the race from which the Indian sprang, or the geographical location of his forbears, he alone occupied the North American continent for centuries, none disputing his sway or challenging his rulership until the first white man came with the Hudson's Bay Company, nearly three hundred years ago. Then followed other pathfinders from France, with their governors, traders and priests. The old order began to change for the original occupant of the land, finally resulting in his restriction to reserves and becoming the ward of the Government.

Up to the time of Confederation, 1867, the Indians had access to all lands, but with the increase of immigration westward, the Government found it necessary to keep the goodwill of the Indians by buying up the titles of their lands, giving them in return 160 acres for a family of five or more, and an annuity of $5.00 to each man, woman and child, with the further promise of schools for their children, help to become farmers and food in time of scarcity.

When the Government agreed to look after the physical welfare of the Indians, they also decided that the Christian Church being best fitted for the task, should be asked to provide for their moral and educational welfare. Already the Roman Catholic, Anglican and Methodist Churches had established many missions among them, and, in 1866, the Presbyterian Church assumed her share of the work among the tribes yet untouched by any other Church. This work, supplementary as it is, to that of the Government, should never be regarded as a work of charity, but rather as the fulfilling of that agreement between the Government and the Indians. When we consider that up to that time the Indians had led a nomadic life and never had had to toil for a living, and that hundreds are now settled on their own farms, living under civilized conditions, we realize that the efforts put forth among them for the past 65 years have been justified.

For ten years a little colony of Presbyterian settlers in the Red River district had urged the Church to send out a missionary to the Red Man. At last, the consent of the Assembly was gained and on June 6th, 1866, Rev. James Nisbet, of Kildonan, Man., accompanied by his wife and child and several helpers, left in an ox-cart and travelled by trail over 200 miles in 66 days, finally locating on the banks of the Saskatchewan River. There he made the headquarters of the mission among the Cree Indians, and secured for the Presbyterian Church that tract of land where Prince Albert now stands. He named it Prince Albert after the Prince Consort. Mr. Nisbet died a few years later, but the influence of a Christian man lived on, for his first convert, Chief Mistawasis, sent a request for a missionary for his tribe which was situated to the south of the first mission, and Mr. John Mackay was appointed, thus was opened the second mission, and named, Mistawasis, after the Chief.

The first missionary sent out by the W.M.S. was Miss Lucy Baker, who labored for over twenty years near Prince Albert. The people old and young loved her as a mother and many first learned the name of Jesus from her lips.

Miss Lucy M. Baker

After the North West Rebellion, in 1885, through which the Christian Indians remained loyal, the interest in the Indian was intensified and a larger work was undertaken. The W.M.S. began work among the Indians in 1874. It centered its strength mainly on the uplift of the children, gathering them in to residential or day schools. A per capita grant of about $100.00 is paid by the Government for the maintenance of every child signed into a residential school. The W.M.S., through its Supply Department, makes it possible for the children to be kept in these schools, by sending each year a complete summer and winter outfit of clothing for every child. This is purely a voluntary service on the part of the women of our W.M.S.

Progress has been slow but steady. In one short generation we find instead of the tepee, the majority living in clean, comfortable houses; farming has taken the place of a restless hunter's life; in place of pagan ignorance and superstition, a keen desire on the part of parents for education for their children; instead of heathen worship, Christian Churches dotting the reserves and volunteers in all our schools anxious to become helpers among their own people.

The Canadian Indians established a praiseworthy war record, giving ample evidence of their loyalty by enlistment in overseas forces, and generous contributions to the patriotic and other war funds totalling $25,000.00. More than 3,000 enlistments have been recorded, thirty-five per cent. of the Indian male population of military age. Many of them died on the field of battle, and many won high military honors and decorations.

Previous to 1925 the Church paid part of the salary of the principals of the schools. This meant dual control and was never satisfactory. In March, 1927, the Board of Missions agreed by vote, that all Indian Residential Schools should be under the direct management of the W.M.S., and that the Society should become responsible for their support over and above the government grant; all reserve work to be under the care of the Church.

The Government pays for the maintenance of the pupils in our Residential Schools, and the W.M.S. is responsible for the salaries of the staff, except that of the nurse, who is paid by the government, and the farm instructor, who is usually paid out of the schools funds. The teachers in ordinary schools are paid by the government, and the missionaries on the reserves by the Board of Missions of our Church.

Until June, 1925, the Indian Missions under the undivided W.M.S. extended geographically from the ''Cecilia Jeffrey'', Residential School in Western Ontario to the West Coast of Vancouver Island on the Pacific, with the exception of the Province of Alberta. Now, the Presbyterian trail stops near Prince Albert, Sask. According to the decision of the Dominion Commission two Residential Schools were assigned to the care of the Presbyterian W.M.S.: the ''Cecilia Jeffrey,'' Kenora, Ont., the other at Birtle, Man., we also have an improved Day School at Mistawasis, Sask., approximately 300 children are now under the care of the W.M.S. The Church has under her care five reserves: Birdtail, Lizard Point, Okanese, Rolling River and Sioux Village, all in Manitoba. M.C.G.F.—Adapted

# The Soul of the Indian

*Extracts from an address given at an Annual Meeting of the Home Mission Council in New York.*

BISHOP HUGH L. BURLESON, OF SOUTH DAKOTA

MOST of us realize, at times, how prone we are to judge other people by our own background and our own framework. I believe therein lies the failure of a good deal of our missionary work. We are condescending to people; we are passing them something from a superior height; we who know so much, and are so much, and have so much, are handing it down to somebody less fortunate. All that may be true, but the trouble is that we want to hand down not only the facts, but our interpretation of the facts. We want people not only to take Christianity, but to take the same brand, color, kind and complexion that we have ourselves discovered; and if they fail, we feel there must be something wrong with them. We have tried by governmental processes to make just a fair average white man out of the Indian. We have not succeeded, I am glad to say, and I hope we never shall, because to try to make a white man out of an Indian is to spoil a perfectly good Indian without making a very satisfactory white man. In other words, we have our own racial way of understanding things, and we must remember, when we are thinking of other races, to think of them in terms of their own surroundings, their own experience and their own ideals of life. The misunderstandings between the Government and Indian peoples, the misunderstandings between the Indian peoples and their white neighbors, have been largely a matter of this lack of orientation, this inability to know what the other man is thinking about, and why he thinks as he does. Back of the things that seem unintelligible to us, there is in the Indian a different quality of soul, a different attitude toward life, a differing concept of things.

First, I believe the Indian is a far more naturally religious person than the white man. He is out on the plains, living the life of God's big world, under the free sky and on the broad prairie; and it is so much easier to believe in God when you are in His home than when you are separated from Him by scores of secondary causes. We are living in a wildnerness of brick and mortar, and in the midst of a mass of machinery set up to make life good. The Indian is nearer the deep springs of life, and he realizes that back of them are eternal purposes and eternal love. And so perhaps it is not because he is of a different nature that he is naturally religious, but because he has the simpler surroundings which we cannot have. Yet I do think that there is an instinctive spirit of religion in the Indian people. I have never seen an Indian who was not a believer in God. Yet we think of going to the Indian as a heathen race. They have had God always, in their daily life. The God they believed in was the Great Spirit. When the Indian went out of the door of his tepee in the morning, he said his prayer to the Spirit who sent the sun; when he smoked his pipe he raised it to the four quarters of the globe and murmured a prayer to the Spirit who sent him the good things of life. Most of the Indian dances that we talk about had a religious significance. Religion went along with the experiences of his life. God was near by. So the first thing I find in the soul of the Indian is a very simple disposition to believe in God, to accept the concept of the spiritual back of the material.

The next thing which I find in the soul of the Indian is a real desire for leadership, a wish to do and to accomplish. In many ways still it is the undeveloped desire of a child, and he does not know just what it is he longs for, but the Indian wants to lead, and we have not been quick enough in giving him leadership. That, perhaps, is one of our common failures in missionary policy among foreign people. For the Indian problem *is* a foreign problem, and labor in the Dakotas is a good preparation for work in China or Japan. We have hesitated to give responsibility. We have felt that the white man must hold things in his own hands. We have not been willing to trust God with the souls of other people. We have wanted to keep a little hold on them ourselves. We were not quite confident that the riches of the Gospel could be trusted with these people unless we were nearby to help them understand. Yet they will get a different message from ours. God never speaks in the same terms to two human souls, nor to two different races. We must not be afraid to develop their sense of leadership.

And then, down in the soul of the Indian, besides these things, I think there is—what may I call it?—the ability to stand fast; the integrity, the fundamental something that lies at the roots of a race which can be trusted; that something in human character to which you pin your faith. It is in the Indian people. It shows in their self-respect, in their dignity of procedure, in their courtesy towards others.

And so I contend that in the soul of the Indian are deep principles of character, tremendous possibilities of life and service that very few of us understand because we have approached life from a different angle.

## THE PRAYER OF THE KNIGHTS OF PEACE

O Lord, make us instruments of thy Peace.
Where hate is, may we bring love;
Where offence has been given or taken, may we bring pardon,
Where there is discord, may we bring fellowship;
Where there is error, may we bring truth;
Where there is doubt, may we bring faith;
Where there is despair, may we bring hope;
Where there is darkness, may we bring light;
Where there is sadness, may we bring joy. —*Adapted.*

# The Budget—The Deficit—Western Relief

THE following letter of appeal for the dried out areas of Western Canada, which was sent out October 1st under the signature of Dr. A. S. Grant, Secretary of the Assembly's Board of Missions, is published in this issue. This is done at the request of the Council Executive of the W.M.S. who are anxious to co-operate with the Church in making this appeal widely known. They feel this can best be accomplished through the medium of the magazine.

The text of the letter is as follows:

> ''Because of conditions in the burnt-out areas in the Prairie Provinces, the Board of Missions decided to appeal to the Presbyterian Church in Canada for contributions of both money and clothing for purposes of relief.
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> ''The appeal for money is altogether apart from the regular Budget of the Church, and is to be applied for the support of ministers and missionaries in these districts who are not receiving their salaries, and for the necessary expenses in connection with the distribution of the clothing. If these workers are to remain with our people in the time of their distress and also to keep the churches open, they must be furnished with the means of livelihood.
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> ''Money from individuals or from congregations should be forwarded to the Treasurer, Mr. E. W. McNeill, earmarked for this purpose and addressed to, Room 708 Sterling Tower Building, 372 Bay Street, Toronto.
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> ''As the winter is approaching, prompt action is necessary if we are to be able to cope with this situation.
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> ''It is estimated that a minimum of $20,000.00 will be required for these purposes.''

Three things: an adequate budget for the year; making up the deficit; and standing behind our people in the stricken areas of the west, is a matter of grave concern to our Executive and we are sure, to all our members. What can we do to help?

Already we have given $1,300 towards relief work, most of this to go to supplement the salaries of our ministers in the dried out areas. We have also tried to meet all applications from Presbyteries for work.

The Moderator has published a letter addressed to every member and adherent, asking them not only to keep up the Budget givings, but to **take one step forward** and add an extra dollar to wipe out the deficit.

Let each one of us consider these claims: The Budget, The Deficit, Western Relief, and, as Church members, see what we can do to help the local Church gather these dollars for which the Moderator asks.

# World Disarmament

THE NEED FOR THE FEBRUARY CONFERENCE

Extracts from an article by the Earl of Home, quoted largely from a book entitled ''Disarmament: The Question of the Day'', compiled by G. A. Innes.

''MORE than twelve years of peace have passed since the close of the war, and to-day the Great Powers, except Germany and possibly Russia, are spending more on armaments than they were in the years before the war, even after present-day figures have been brought to the level of pre-war prices.

By the Pact of Paris of 1928, sixty countries, amongst which are the U.S.A. and Russia determined:

(1) That they condemn recourse to war for the solution of international controversies and renounce it as an instrument of national policy in their relations with one another, and

(2) That the settlement of all disputes and conflicts of whatever nature, or whatever origin they may be, which may arise among them, shall never be sought except by pacific means.

It is known that 10,873,577 men perished in the war. To this must be added: 20,000,000 wounded, 9,000,000 war orphans, 5,000,000 war widows, 10,000,000 refugees.

These figures do not include the losses caused by famine and pestilence caused by the war.

Great Britain spent some $50,000,000,000. The war has left Great Britain with a debt of over $35,000,000,000. At the present rate of repayment of the debt it will take 140 years to liquidate it. Our taxpayers have to pay on our debt services $5,000,000 a day, $200,000 an hour, and $3,000 a minute.

'We are bound by treaty and by honor to international disarmament. Ultimately and fundamentally this fight for peace is a spiritual fight' (Mr. Baldwin).

'To those who think that a path can be found by treading the way of destruction I say that honor binds them and us to use all our powers to show that Great Britain and its Dominions are among those who not only preach peace but ensue it and seek to establish it by a democratic policy' (Mr. Ramsay MacDonald).

'You will never disarm, you will never get real disarmament, until you renounce war, not merely on a scroll of paper, but in the hearts of men' (Mr. Lloyd George).

Surely the above reasons are more than sufficient to make us all take the deepest interest in the all-important question.

Great Britain has set a splendid example and gone as far as she can till other nations follow her lead.

Between now and February we must all try to raise an overwhelming force of public opinion which will strengthen the hands of our statesmen and convince other nations of our determination that the greatest of all reforms shall be carried out.''

# An Orphan Baby Finds a Home in Amkhut

MISS MILDRED SOUTAR

AFTER many months in the hills attending language school I was glad to get back to Amkhut and our own people again. On my way home I spent a week at Mendha, where some of the school boys were ill.

One afternoon, Mrs. Young came and asked me if I would like a baby for the ''M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home.'' It was just two days old, and the mother had died and the body had been burned the day before. We were greatly excited and, Mrs. Young, a friend of hers from Bombay and I, went with the uncle of the baby to see if the relatives were really willing to give it to us; they were non-Christian. We had to cross a stream but managed, like Eliza in Uncle Tom's Cabin, to leap from stone to stone, with a little help given us by the uncle and one of our Christian men. We walked up a narrow path to a bamboo house where we met the grandfather. We were told the father and the grandmother were dead, and that only the baby's mother's little sister was left to look after the child, so they were helpless and, unless we took him he would die. The baby was lying on a pile of dirty rags in the middle of a large native bed. After fifteen minutes talk between the grandfather and Mrs. Young the baby was given unconditionally into her hands and she gave him to me. It seemed so strange walking away with the little chap, with the young aunt following sadly behind us to the river, but the men seemed quite glad to have him off their hands. The uncle was down at the river washing his clothes, a custom of the Hindoos after a death in the family.

Upon arriving at the bungalow our first task was to give Mr. Baby his first bath. Mrs. Young seemed prepared for all emergencies for out came a dress and many other articles which go to make up a baby's wardrobe.

We decided immediately that the proper place for ''baby'' was Amkhut, so early the next morning we started. The first three miles were very bumpy, the road being cut up rather badly after the rains, and the river was fairly deep. The main road, however, was good and a short distance from the Amkhut road we met a man who stopped us by waving his bow and arrows at us. He was not dangerous though, he had a letter from Dr. Buchanan in reply to ours to say the motor was not running. We therefore decided to go into Alirajpur, have breakfast with Mr. and Mrs. Wood, then attempt the Amkhut road.

It was fortunate that we did so, for Mrs. Wood had a baby bottle, and we had been feeding baby with an eye dropper, a very tedious and unsatisfactory method. Then we called at the post office and received a lovely quilt sent by the Mission Band at Three Hills, Alberta.

We had still nine miles of jungle road to cover, and found it very rough, some places the trees had been felled and lay in the road, and we had to make many detours. The rivers were not too bad, the one near the compound was quite deep, causing us to stick in the sand until pushed out by the boys and men.

As the ''M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home'' is just about finished, I hope to put baby there the end of this week. We stayed the first night with Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan, then came over to the W.M.S. bungalow.

Mrs. Buchanan went to a convention on Monday and Dr. Buchanan went to Presbytery meeting to-day, so I am the only European in the compound to-night. I went down to the dispensary last evening and saw a very strange patient waiting outside for Dr. Panhalkar to give him treatment. He had a nasty sore on his back and it seems he comes every night at the same time for dressings. Who do you think it was? Dr. Buchanan's buffalo!

When I get lonesome I look over all the lovely supplies sent by W.M.S. and many Mission Bands for the Home, how glad one feels to know so many are interested and have sent such lovely things to make the work easier!

We haven't a name for the baby yet. Mr. and Mrs. Young should have the privilege of naming him as he was given to them, and they wish to support him while in the Home, and Mrs. Young is to be his godmother when he is christened.

I think he has a reputation hard to be beaten, for when but four days of age, he travelled about thirty-five miles, then at six days he attended both Church services.

I must close as Mr. Man is beginning to ask for his bottle as babies do.

P.S.—The cheque from the children attending Vacation School Neighborhood House, Hamilton, came this week. We must buy something very special with it, as the kiddies there are of Italian and foreign extraction and out of their poverty have given to these other **children of the Master's.**

# Reports! Reports!

Read carefully the following poem and then make sure that your local reports harmonize and are going to your branch treasurer on time. Carelessness is inexcusable.

### THAT LOST FIVE DOLLARS

A treasurer sat with haggard mien,
Two great deep lines her eyes between,
And there she sat and searched all day
For one little figure gone astray.
And the shades of night found her searching still,
For, though weary of brain, she was strong of will
And when about to give up the fight,
That figure appeared just before daylight,
And stood on its one little curled-up leg,
As though it had never moved a peg,
But been standing 'round in the treasurer's view,
Just where she ought to have seen it, too!
Why didn't she make a sudden dive
And bring up that saucy, curled-up little five?
And what do you think caused all this fuss,
Got the books of account in such a muss?
That five dollar bill arrived too late,
And had to come in at a little side gate,
When the door was shut and the light put out,
And that poor little figure wandered about
And never found its own little bed,
But slipped in a cold, dark corner instead.
And there it remained from that sad, sad night,
'Till the spring house-cleaning brought it to light,
And the treasurer was almost made to declare
She'd give up her place at the end of the year—
Now who was to blame that that figure was late
And had to squeeze in at the little side gate?
Was it carelessness on some treasurer's part,
Who failed to give it an earlier start?
Or did the W.M.S. member lag behind
And drive her, too, 'most out of her mind?
Should any one read this whoever is late,
Please do not forget the pitiful fate
Of the poor little figure at that side gate,
Whose story I've had to sadly relate:
And call to your mind your treasurer's state,
As she tears her hair at a terrible rate,
Because for your money she had to wait.

—Estella Schultz, in The Missionary Agitator.

# World Day of Prayer, Programme

FEBRUARY 12th, 1932

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**Organ Music**—(Soft music and silence will be helpful in creating the atmosphere of prayer and worship).

**Call to Worship**

LEADER: "Be still and know that I am God."—Psa. 46: 10.
"O come let us sing unto the Lord; let us come before His presence with thanksgiving."—Psa. 95: 1, 2.
"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."—Matt. 7: 7.

**Hymn**—"Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"—*Tune, St. Crispin, L.M.*

LEADER: And Jesus said: "When thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to Thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."

AUDIENCE: "But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do; for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking."

LEADER: "Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask Him."

**Silent Prayer and Meditation** (two minutes).

LEADER: Let us pray:

Our Lord and Master who by Thy coming didst bring good tidings of great joy to us all, we thank Thee for Thy many blessings to us. We ask Thee that as Thou didst teach Thy disciples of old, so Thou wouldst teach us to pray. Grant us a vision of Thyself and of Thy world. Help us to lift up our eyes and look on the field already white for the harvest. Accept our thanks for all Thy material and spiritual gifts. Help us to use them for the service of mankind and for Thee. We ask it all in Christ's name. Amen.

**Lord's Prayer**—(in unison).

LEADER: Out of the depths of her own Christian experience, an Indian woman, Ellen Dakshmi Goreh, has written this beautiful hymn, "In the Secret of His Presence", which will be sung as a solo, or a hymn may be sung.

In the secret of His presence how my soul delights to hide!
Oh how precious are the lessons which I learn at Jesus' side!
Earthly cares can never vex me, neither trials lay me low!
For when Satan comes to tempt me, to the secret place I go.

When my soul is faint and weary, 'neath the shadow of His wing,
There is cool and pleasant shelter, and a fresh and crystal spring;
And my Savior rests beside me, as we hold communion sweet,
If I tried I could not utter what He says when thus we meet.

Would you like to know the secret of the presence of the Lord?
Go and rest beneath His shadow, this shall then be your reward.
And whene'er you leave the silence of that happy meeting place,
You must mind and bear the image of the Master in your face.

*(Music by Geo. C. Stebbins, Sacred Songs and Solos)*

**Prayer**—For China, Japan, Korea and Russia. Silent prayer for one minute following the naming of each country by the leader, after which one voice will lead in prayer. The special requests will be found at the end of the programme.

**Scripture Promises**—(in unison)

''Verily, verily I say unto you, he that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

''And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

''If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it.''
—John 14: 12-14.

''Verily, verily I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, He will give it you.''

''Hitherto ye have asked nothing in my name; Ask and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.''—John 16: 23, 24.

''Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.''

**Hymn**—''Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire''—*Tune, ''St. Peter's'' C.M.*

**Prayer**—For the Near East, India and Africa.

**To be read**—

### ''INSATIATE''

The more I win Thee, Lord, the more for Thee I pine;
Ah, such a heart is mine!
My eyes behold Thee and are filled, and straightway then
Their hunger wakes again!
My arms have clasped Thee and should set Thee free, but no,
I cannot let Thee go!
Thou dwell'st within my heart. Forthwith anew the fire
Burns of my soul's desire.
Lord Jesus Christ, Beloved, tell, O tell me true,
What shall Thy servant do?

—*Narayan Vaman Tilak, Christian poet of India.*

**Offering***—(Soft music to be played while the audience gives for the work of the Lord all over the world).

**Prayer**—For Europe, North and South America.

**Hymn**—''Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart'' (To be sung seated and softly as a prayer). *Tune, Morecambe Langran.*

**Prayer**—(By the Leader)

Almighty God and Heavenly Father, Creator and Preserver of all mankind, and the Father of all who are willing to trust themselves to

Thee: we pray to Thee for all mankind and for every nation upon earth. Shed abroad Thy glorious beams of light which Thou hast sent into the world through Thy blessed Son our Saviour, who is the light of the world. Grant that we may be children of light, and may carry Thy light and truth to some of those who are in darkness. May our faith be strong in Him who died for us and rose again, and who commanded His disciples that they should go and teach all nations. Grant, O God, that we may seek to obey this Thy last command. Grant that we may never be ashamed to confess our faith in Thee, and by observing Thy commandments may we commend unto others that gospel of good tidings and great joy which Thou didst come to bring unto all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Prayer**—For His Majesty the King, the Empire, Canada, the Peace and Disarmament Conference. For all who are passing through difficult times in our own and other countries, whose means of livelihood are uncertain; for those who cannot find work. That we may all strive to bear one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ. (One to lead in this prayer).

**United Prayer**

We thank Thee, O God, that some are able and willing to go forth into distant lands, but we also thank Thee that we can fulfil Thy command in our own land by honoring and serving Thee in the home and in the neighborhood in which we are placed.

May we hand on to the next generation the good tidings of great joy, which the angels proclaimed when the Saviour was born—and may we ever seek to subdue all that is base and unholy, and all that hinders the growth of Thy kingdom upon earth.

May rich and poor, young and old, unite in this holy quest, in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Closing Hymn**—''Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun''.
*Tune, Duke Street, L.M.*

**Dismissal Prayer**—(in unison)

Open our eyes, O Lord, and help us to see the needs of all men in this, our world. Abide with us now and evermore. Amen.

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## PRAYER TOPICS

Nationals of various countries have been consulted as to their desires for their native lands. Their requests follow:

**China.**—For the Chinese Government, and especially for the Christians in positions of responsibility. That vital religion may be given its proper place in the emerging state.

**Japan.**—For a deep understanding sympathy and friendship among all nations. For the Kingdom of God movement, that it may build a vital Christian leadership for Japan.

**Korea.**—For indomitable courage for the solution of their problems. For the ability to make their contribution to the upbuilding of a spiritual kingdom through peace and love. For a sense of kinship with the world.

**India.**—For peace to the troubled soul of India. For solution of her communal differences. For peaceful settlement of her constitutional reforms. That she may never lose sight of her spiritual realities.

**Africa.**—For men of inward Christian character to lead a developing people. For the young men and women that they may realize the joy and duty of the task ahead of them.

**Russia and the Near East.**—For peace for a weary and distressed people. For the youth of these lands. For national Christian leadership.

**Europe.**—For Peace—for world understanding. For Christian unity and brotherhood. For the youth of these lands.

**North America.**—For peace and understanding between nations. For Christian leadership. For world consciousness.

**South America.**—For Christian leadership. For centers of Christian training. For world understanding.

### *OFFERINGS

The offerings received at the World Day of Prayer meeting will be distributed by the Inter-Board Committee among the following interdenominational objects: Christian Literature in China, Japan, Korea, India, Africa, and the Moslems in every land; The Canadian School of Missions; Interdenominational Mission to Lepers; British and Foreign Bible Society in Canada and Newfoundland and Kingdom of God Movement in Japan.

Please send offerings to the Treasurer, Inter-Board Committee, Miss Bessie MacMurchy, 122 South Drive, Toronto, Ont.

Order Day of Prayer Programmes from the denominational Literature Depots of the Women's Missionary Societies, price one cent each.

## An Ideal Commemoration

THE native church in Formosa has decided to commemorate the 60th Anniversary, which takes place in 1932, by trying to make spiritual gains and to this end has made the following plans which the Formosan Council heartily endorses.

Each Christian in the Formosan Church is to be urged to pledge himself for a year to the following:

1. To lead someone to believe in Christ.
2. To speak to some non-believer every day about Christ.
3. To pledge a definite number of days for the year in which he will devote himself to evangelistic work for the entire day, (visiting heathen villages and homes, preaching, etc.).
4. To give .02 sen (.01c. in Canadian money) towards the overhead expenses of the Jubilee.

# The Glowing Ember of Prayer

SPEAKING to the African women about the reading or the learning of the Word of God, I have reminded them of those mornings when they awake to find the fire dead on the floor of the hut, and of how they must then go to that neighbor from whose roof there rises smoke, and of how with the ember they have begged they hurry back to the cold hearth. As they go they breathe upon the ember lest it die. If it is a live ember, how soon the fire shines, painting the walls of that house with light. If the woman with the ember has dallied, and coming to her house she finds the ember gray—even then she does not despair, but blows upon it, cherishing it with her breath until it lives again.

And that ember, I tell the women, is like the Word of God in our hearts. There are mornings when we wake to find our hearts cold—there is a deadness and a staleness there. Now it is, if we care for the peace of ourselves and our families, the servants in the house and the companions in the office, that we must beg the ember. And well we know where it is to be had . Well we know the Neighbor whose fire is as constant as the stars. If there is a fire in our hearts it is there we got it; if there is a chill in our hearts it is from neglect of that fire; and because we do not beg the ember, or having begged it, we have not cherished it, letting it fail while we were preoccupied with the things of anger, the things of sorrow, the things of the body, yes, even the things of gossip. For such as these we have not spared our breath, while the ember, that was to warm ourselves and our fellows, has dimmed as we carried it.

And whose ember is this dying on the ground in its bit of broken pot, while the woman who has begged it has turned aside into the forest?

For such an one—and it is you and it is I—there is a breath that will revive the ember. Remember the Lord Jesus! If your ember fails because of the things of sorrow, remember the Lord Jesus who was acquainted with grief.—*Jean Kenyon Mackenzie, in The Harvest Field, New Zealand.*

# Books Old and New

By Lereine Ballantyne

WITH the long evenings here, there is an opportunity to do some reading. There have not been quite so many new books brought out this year, but those that are listed are interesting. Most important to members of our Society is the addition of ''Leaf of the Lotus'' to our list of Missionary books which not only entertain, but inform as well. Reviews of some of the latest books sent in to our department are as follows:

LEAF OF THE LOTUS, by Margaret O'Hara, is the story of the Presbyterian Mission work at Indore and Dhar, in Central India, told through the medium of Dr. O'Hara's letters home. It is a vividly written book, and one that is a welcome addition to our missionary literature. We all congratulate Dr. O'Hara on its publication, and are sure that every Presbyterian family in Canada will want to have a copy in their home. Beautifully bound in cloth, $1.50.

THE CLINIC OF A CLERIC, by Rev. W. A. Cameron, of Yorkminster Baptist Church, Toronto, contains many excellent chapters on the following subjects: Fear, Failure, Worry, Temptation, Freedom, Vision, Patriotism, Escaping the Past, etc. Well bound, it sells for $2.00 per copy.

SANDY'S SON, by Rev. C. L. Cowan, a Presbyterian minister in Hamilton, is the novel this author has written following ''The Trail of the Sky Pilot.'' This book contains stories revealing the lives of miners in the village of Stanerigg, and the adventures which befell David Campbell when he came to Canada to make his way in a new country. Price per copy $2.00.

SACRED TRIO FOR WOMEN'S VOICES is a new book of sacred songs for women in anthem form. Price per copy 85c.

Other books of interest are:

JAPAN AND CHRIST, by M. S. Murao, and W. H. M. Walton, which deals with the Church work of Christianity in Japan, bound in cloth 75c.

CHINA CHATS, by F. F. Helmer, is a charming book of talks with children about things of China. Price $1.00.

THE DOCTOR, by Isabel Cameron, is now reprinted, and we are prepared to take orders for it. The many friends of this book will be glad to know we have it once more. Price 35c.

A nice little chapbook of verse by H. Isabel Graham of Seaforth has come to hand. Price 75c. postpaid. It contains a long peom ''Ben Ona and the Christmas Carol'', and many short poems. One of interest is entitled ''Missionaries'':

Heralds of Christ, what harbingers of hope,
To those diseased in body and in soul;
How glorious to heal the blind who grope,
And lead to Jesus who can make them whole.

Greater than kings and emperors they stand
Heroic in the might of sacrifice,
A great uncrowned, unconquerable band
Linking lost souls with seraphs in the skies.

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Write for your parcel of Literature for your sectional meetings early, so that there will be ample time for shipment.

# OUR LETTER BOX

## A Centenary Celebration in British Guiana

*Demerara, British Guiana.*

MISS GREEN arrived safely from England, on November 1st. The Sunday she arrived we were holding our harvest Thanksgiving services at Better Hope, so she had a good opportunity of meeting many of our people and seeing the two congregations, West Indian and East Indian. I am sure she will do good work in our high school.

I was in New Amsterdam at the time of the centenary celebrations, and was present at the dinner for the poor, which was full of interest. About 300 East Indian poor from the town and neighboring country districts were fed, funds for this being subscribed to by the East Indians of means in the town and a few other friends.

It happened that Essequebo was celebrating the centenary while I was there. They made it chiefly a children's day. Fifteen hundred school children paraded on the grounds of Colony House. They were addressed by Major Bain Gray, the Director of Education. They also sang, drilled, formed up into the initial letters of the three counties, Demerara, Essequebo and Berbice, carried handsome banners also each child held a small Union Jack which he or she waved vigorously while hurrahing, marched round the compound and finally were regaled with buns, cakes, sweets and ginger beer. There were other items on the programme outside of the children's performances.—*Selina Cropper.*

## Japanese Thanksgiving Festival

*Szepingkai, Manchuria.*

"I WISH you could be here to-day and sit in my 'study' and watch the crowds go by in parade after parade from early morning till night. It is the Japanese Thanksgiving Festival and they have taken the various gods and idols from their temples and carried them about on their shoulders. Groups of twenty or thirty boys and men have gone by all the day swinging from side to side of the road. There's a reason for the swinging because at intervals they have been invited to stop and 'eat, drink and be merry' and after an hour or two of drinking wine, as some of the faces showed, there is reason for the swinging gait.

Tonight along the streets on the many posts, some erected for the occasion, brilliant lanterns swing and great crowds move along making a lively scene indeed. It is a great heathen festival, and in this fashion they are rendering their thanks.

Last night while on the street we were invited by our landlord 'to eat with them' and to be at his house at three to-day. So at three we arrived but were informed that 'the man of the house was out with friends celebrating and would not return until about five' and would we come back then. We went home again and at five a messenger came to say that 'the master has returned and asks that you come quickly, the dinner is ready.' So we went again and received his profuse apologies.

What a meal they set before us! What did we have? We do not know what it all was. They first brought Japanese green tea while they showed us pictures of by-gone days. After sipping tea for fifteen minutes the meal began to come and it came in stages until I began to wonder what we would do with all the plates that were spread around us? We squatted on the floor having removed our shoes when we came in, at a small table, low down before us. There were nine plates filled with a variety of food besides a huge bowl of what looked like frog's legs and another bowl with two kinds of imported meat. It was a great spread, Japanese fashion.

These days are given over exclusively to language study which means real satisfaction in the expectation of greater progress in mastering what is an exceedingly difficult task. From nine-thirty until six each day, with brief intermissions, I plug away at the language and five hours of that time are spent with my very efficient teacher. May I ask again that you will pray that the apparently endless task of studying language may be mastered.

China seems to be having more troubles than ever these days. In the south, news of floods appals one, the stories in the papers are gruesome. Today's news tells us that already the casualty list is almost equal to that of the great war. What thousands and thousands will do when winter comes is dreadful to contemplate; no food, homeless, hopeless, what an outlook!

We are wondering what will be the outcome of the trouble between China and Japan with Russia eagerly watching. The waters of war are indeed stirred in Manchuria and a great question mark looms over the country. —*Joseph and Mabel Koffend.*

## Malaria and Cholera

*Jhansi, India.*

"WE went to Kashmir again last summer and had a nice vacation, but were glad to get back to Jhansi and to work, two months seem a long time to be away.

We have been quite busy since our return. I let Miriam, my nurse, go for two weeks' vacation. While she was away both Miss Whatling and Miss Stringer had malaria. Then, last week I came down with it. I expect I was bitten by the same mosquitoes that bit Miss Stringer. This is the time for malaria and we all seem to become victims sooner or later in this country. Miss Stringer was feeling quite proud of herself that she had been in India almost five years and had never had malaria. We are all eating lots of quinine now.

There is quite an epidemic of cholera in Jhansi at present, and we have all been inoculated against it. I did all our school children and the people in the compound. Last Saturday after four p.m. Miriam and I did 173 and this morning we did 56 and there are still about 50 more to do.''

—*Lily A. Simpson.*

## Prayer

**OUR Father in heaven, through whose infinite love we are enabled to see the beginning of this New Year, lead us, we beseech Thee, through it day by day. We thank Thee for the mercies of the past year, for present blessings and for future hopes. Bless every one who is doing even one self-sacrificing piece of work for Thee. Keep us from despondency and help us to carry on our work however monotonous it may be. In these troublous and anxious days may we have faith that will drive away our fears. Bless our land and defend our liberties. Purge our hearts of suspicion of others that peace and goodwill may abound among the nations. We thank Thee for the love and care of our parents, and for all those who by their example have helped us on life's way. Be with Thy young missionary, Miss Hermanson, as she travels to Formosa, preserve her from danger and perils by land and water. Grant Thy protection to our missionaries in Manchuria. Be with our workers everywhere and abundantly bless their service for Thee. Grant Thy favor to our Society and give wisdom and strength to our President. We earnestly beseech Thee for an outpouring of Thy Holy Spirit upon our Church. Bless her Moderator and grant him strength for the duties of his high office. Quicken the members to nobler endeavor, greater zeal and deeper consecration and may all who name the Name of Christ be constant in prayer, and honest in their stewardship. Forgive us wherein we have asked amiss, for Christ's sake. Amen.**

# WITH THE AUXILIARIES

## CAN YOU TELL?

1. Where the offerings from the World Day of Prayer go?
2. Who prepared the World Day of Prayer Programme?
3. What mission recently celebrated its centenary?
4. Why should nations disarm?
5. Who travelled 35 miles when 4 days old, and attended church service at the age of 6 days?
6. How long does the Day of Prayer last?
7. What North American Conference meets in Canada in January?
8. What W.M.S. representative attended the missionary meetings in Great Britain.

### Answers

1. Page 20; 2. Page 2; 3. Page 23; 4. Page 13; 5. Page 14; 6. Page 1; 7. Page 5; 8. Page 3.

# YOUNG WOMEN

IN introducing the study of Manchuria in January, have you ever considered the possibility of having a social evening? For instance, choose four members to represent the four missionaries arriving in Szepingkai, Manchuria, and have the rest of the group dressed in Chinese costumes act as hostesses. Everyone these days has gay kimonas suitable for such a gathering. Green tea might be used instead of black, and rice served in small bowls could be passed, together with nuts and sliced oranges with toothpicks stuck in them to represent fans. All should sit on the floor or on little cushions.

The visitors would comment on the differences in climate, scenery in Manchuria, and on the Chinese meal as it is served.

The Manchurian people would say, ''We feel it easy to be friends with you because you have not come to rule us. We need education, we need to know how to care for our sick. We need to know how to live better. We want you to make your God real to us.''

The missionaries would reply, ''We want to learn from you too. We want to learn your language and see some of that lovely embroidery and basket work you do.''

The Manchurian's reply would be, ''We must know your God. What we want from you is your God of peace and love and service.''

This idea is only a suggestion. Each group must work it out in its own way and according to its inspiration.

References—''The Chinese Young Woman, Yesterday and To-day,'' price 5c.; Chapter 5 in ''The Tide of Opportunity.'' The manifesto at the end of the chapter shows what the Chinese wish from the missionaries. With war clouds looming over Manchuria, current events could be brought from current magazines and daily papers.

Rev. Allan Reoch and bride have arrived safely in Manchuria. ''During the Council meeting the Chinese gave a great feast to the missionaries, new and old. Then the whole crowd were invited to the Mission for a formal dinner in honor of the Reochs. They sent a Chinese wedding chair for Mrs. Reoch and marched with it around the block to bring her to the house. Miss Crockett served a marvellous Chinese feast to the crowd.''

Dr. and Mrs. Goforth also returned last fall.

### ''Get Your Man''

How is your membership?

Here is what one Auxiliary is doing this year. Each member is concentrating on a young woman in the congregation and her business is to make her a *member,* not an adherent, before the year is out. She is to meet her and be hostess to her for each meeting. The Auxiliary is to be divided into a team. At the end of the year the losers are to entertain the winners. This is to be a 100 per cent. membership drive. Each girl is to ''get her man.''

# GIRLS AND LEADERS

## Service of Worship for Girls

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, FEBRUARY 12, 1932

### THEME: GIRLS OF THE WORLD TOGETHER IN PRAYER

**Quiet Music**—''God Reveals His Presence'' *Tune, Reverence*

**Meditation**—''In the castle of my soul
Is a little postern gate
Whereat when I enter
I am in the presence of God.

. . . .

Big things become small, and small things become great
The near becomes far, and the future is near.''

**Hymn**—''All People That on Earth do Dwell''—*Tune, Old Hundredth*

**Silent Prayer and Meditation for girls round the world.**

**Theme**—''If all the girls in the world
Took hands
It would make a circle joining all the lands

. . . .

It would make a circle of friends
The world around
If we all joined hands.''

**Our Lord's Prayer**—(in unison)

**Scripture**—Acts 10—(to be read by the leader)

**Hymn**—''In Christ There Is no East nor West'' *Tune, St. Peter*

**In Christ there is no East nor West,**
**In Him no South nor North,**
**But one great fellowship of love**
**Throughout the whole wide earth.**

**In Him shall true hearts everywhere**
**Their true communion find.**
**His service is the golden cord**
**Close-binding all mankind.**

**Join hands, then Brothers of the Faith,**
**Whate'er your race may be**
**Who serves my Father as a son**
**Is surely kin to me.**

**In Christ now meet both East and West**
**In Him meet South and North,**
**All Christly souls are one in Him**
**Throughout the whole wide earth.**—Amen

**Litany**—

LEADER: Lord of all lands, we present at this time the desires of thy people everywhere. We pray Thee for a deeper understanding, sympathy and friendship among all nations.

In the words of a Japanese, ''For the Kingdom of God Movement, that it may build a vital Christian leadership for Japan,''

ALL: We pray Thee, O God.

LEADER: In the words of a Chinese, ''That vital religion may be given its place in this emerging state,''

ALL: We pray Thee, O God.

LEADER: In the words of a Korean, ''For the ability to make their contribution to the upbuilding of the Spiritual Kingdom through Peace and Love,''

ALL: We pray Thee, O God.

LEADER: In the words of an Indian, ''For peace to the troubled soul of India, that she may never lose sight of her spiritual realities,''

ALL: We pray Thee, O God.

LEADER: In the words of an African, ''For men of inward Christian character to lead a developing people,''

ALL: We pray Thee, O God.

LEADER: For the people of Russia and the Near East, in this time of transition,

ALL: Father of all, we beseech Thee.

LEADER: For the Nations of Europe, that Thy spirit of Peace and Goodwill may triumph amid the chaos of mutual distrust,

ALL: Father of all, we beseech Thee.

LEADER: For the countries of North America, that they may be cleansed from the evil of self-seeking, that their eyes may be opened to the worth of all people of every class and nation,

ALL: Father of all, we beseech Thee.

LEADER: For the peoples of South America, that Christian leadership may be strengthened among them, that they may find their place among the nations of the world,

ALL: Father of all, we beseech Thee. Amen.

**Offering Service**—Talk explaining how the proceeds of our offering are used.*

LEADER: Now, let us seek to serve God, in the offering of our gifts of money. (At this time in the service the offering will be taken.)

**Prayer of Dedication**

O Thou in whom we live and move and have our being, as we offer Thee our gifts, may we present unto Thee our lives also. So may we continually serve Thee.—Amen.

**Poem**—(to be read by the leader)

**God grant us wisdom in these coming days,**
**And eyes unsealed, that we clear visions see**
**Of that new world that He would have us build,**
**To life's ennoblement and His high ministry.**

**God give us sense—God sense, of Life's new needs,**
**And souls aflame with new-born chivalries**
**To cope with those black growths that foul the ways**
**To cleanse our poisoned founts, with God-born energies.**

**To pledge our souls to nobler, loftier life,**
**To win the world to His fair sanctities,**
**To bind the nations in a pact of peace,**
**To free the soul of man to finer loyalties.**

**Not since Christ died upon His lonely cross**
**Has time such prospect held of life's new birth,**
**Not since the world of chaos first was born**
**Has man so clearly visaged hope of a new earth.**

**Not of our own might can we hope to rise**
**Above the ruts and failures of the past,**
**But with His help, who did the first earth build,**
**With hearts courageous we may fairer build this land.**

—John Oxenham.

**Meditation**—(to be directed by the leader)

Let us remember before God those of His children who are not visible to us as we worship.

Let us resolve that the common bond so closely felt at this time shall continue to help us in understanding one another.

Let us pray that war may no more smother truth, and divide us from our brethren; that the Disarmament Conference may be an effective means of bringing our world closer to Thy purposes.

Let us give thanks for the growth of the desire for true brotherhood in the world to-day; and for evidences of that increasing sense of brotherhood in the League of Nations, the International Labor Office and all other agencies of international justice and peace.

Let us give thanks for the dauntless courage and faith of those in every land who would venture to make God's Kingdom come and His will done upon the earth.

Let us pray, our Father, that we may have the courage to follow in their footsteps, to carry out Thy purposes even in face of difficulty and prejudice.

Let us pray that we may live continually close to God, that we may do the Will of Our Father which is in Heaven. Amen.

**Hymn**—"Rise Up, O Men of God!" *Tune, St. Michael*

**Benediction**—"The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, is Ended", v. 3, 4, 5.
(To be sung softly) *Tune, St. Clement*

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* This talk which should not exceed five minutes may be given by a woman from the Women's Missionary Organization, if available.

### Girls

Be sure and read the articles on the Indians on pp. 6-11, and the Editorial on the Day of Prayer, p. 1.

## MISSION BANDS

### GOD LOVETH A CHEERFUL GIVER

### NELLIE'S GIFT

*This story was sent by Mrs. H. A. Robson, of Winnipeg. It was told at a meeting by her daughter, when she was a little girl of eight years of age.*

DID you ever want anything awful bad and then have it come?

Then you know how I felt when that package came from my auntie in New York, and I found in it a pair of real silk mitts. I had wanted some for ever so long and I don't know how Auntie found it out unless Santa Claus told her, and it wasn't near Christmas either. I looked at them most a hundred times in two days and then it came Sunday. Wasn't I glad! It isn't right to think too much about what you wear when you go to Sunday School, and by and by I didn't. But we had such a good Sunday School I forgot everything else.

A missionary told about some poor little children away off and how they hadn't any nice houses or clothes or anything but they were trying so hard to get along and to learn. When he said what was given to those little ones was just the same as giving to Jesus, I supposed everybody would give something. Why some of those folks are worth as much as a hundred dollars! And yet, that basket stayed most empty. I did wish I was rich. Then all at once I remembered what I read about the poor widow in the Bible, how she had given her two *mitts*—every living mitt she had. It said so, so I slipped mine off and dropped them into the basket; and I was glad, if my throat did all choke up.

But pretty soon when that basket was carried up, the gentleman picked them right out.

''Any little girl lost her gloves?''

Nobody said anything, and he asked the same thing again. It was awful still in that room and I thought he was looking right at me so I had to say something.

''It wasn't a mistake,'' I said. ''I wanted to help and hadn't any money but I knew how that poor widow in the Bible gave her two mitts and so—''

Then those folks just shouted, and I felt as if I'd like to drop right down through the floor. I knew I had made some dreadful blunder but I couldn't see what, for if *m-i-t-e-s* don't spell *mitts,* what does it spell?

Of course I cried, but my teacher whispered ''Never mind Nellie'', and she stood up and said with her voice all trembling:

''Dear friends, this little girl has given her greatest treasure. Have we older ones done as much?''

Some way the money just poured into that basket after that and the missionary looked gladder and gladder. They brought my mitts back to me and teacher said she would show me how to get some money to give. But O how full that basket was! And, when that gentleman counted the money, his eyes grew all wet as he softly said—though I didn't know what he meant—''A little child shall lead them.''

## A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE FROM YOUR SECRETARY

*Dear Mission Band Leaders*:

THE New Year is before us, and as Mission Band Secretary, I wish to send the season's greetings to all our faithful leaders.

I am indeed thankful that over 500 members of the W.M.S. are giving their services so willingly to the training of the children whom God has placed in our midst. We must never forget that each Band is a training school in Christian service for the children of to-day, and that our task is to help to build the Church and W.M.S. of to-morrow. Sometimes leaders become discouraged over small numbers, irregular attendance, or a majority of younger children in the Band. I would suggest that members be urged to bring others into their Band, and that those who come regularly be given definite work on the programme. In no time you will see the little ones grow not only in years but in love and enthusiasm. There is no more important, no more beautiful work than that in which we are engaged, for it carries out Christ's command ''Feed my lambs.'' It has been truly said: ''Nations have perished for want of reverence for little children, whereas to love them, to serve them, is the most God-like attribute of mankind.''

That the year 1932 may be a happy one for each Leader and Mission Bander is the wish of your Secretary, *Laura A. Dill.*

Leaders and children be sure to read Miss Soutar's story ''An Orphan Baby Finds a Home in Amkhut,'' page 14.

# PROVINCIAL NEWS

## ALBERTA

MRS. D. S. MACKENZIE, 8809 112TH ST., EDMONTON, PRESS SECRETARY

EDMONTON P.S.—''Faith Plus Service'' was the theme of the entire programme at the annual Presbyterial Day of Prayer. The meeting was held in Strathcona Presbyterian Church with the President, Mrs. A. T. Kinnaird, in the chair. The service was divided into three parts. ''Keeping the Faith in the Home'', was dealt with by Mrs. McNabb and Mrs. Chambers, of St. Andrew's Church; ''Keeping the Faith in our Schools and Colleges,'' by Mrs. McCoy and Mrs. Browning, of Strathcona; ''Keeping the Faith in Our National Life,'' by Mrs. Deverell and Mrs. Paterson, of Westmount. Mrs. Field, of Rupert Street Church, led in a special prayer, and Mrs. L. Beatty sang beautifully. Mrs. H. E. Walker, Mrs. MacLennan and Mrs. MacMicking, of First Presbyterian Church, were in charge of the programme. Mrs. Gibbs offered the closing prayer.

''Spirituality'' was the subject of a very fine address given by the Rev. Thomas Tait at the annual Thank-offering meeting of the W.M.S. of First Presbyterian Church, Edmonton. Mrs. James Wilson presided and Mrs. R. H. MacMicking gave a short outline of our work in India. The sum of $185.00 was received in the offering.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

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WESTMINSTER P.S.—The annual Thank-offering of Fairview Auxiliary, Vancouver, was a particularly interesting meeting. Mrs. T. Wilson, the President, presided. The programme included solos, an action song by the Mission Band, an illustrated talk on some of our churches and institutions, by Mrs. G. W. Ledingham, and a helpful address by Miss Lamont. Miss Livingstone, a missionary of the English Presbyterian Church, who is returning to her post in Formosa, spoke briefly.

The Thank-offering meeting of Robertson Church W.M.S., Vancouver, was well attended. The President, Mrs. H. Fraser, presided. After devotions and a short musical programme, Miss Lamont gave an address on "Thanksgiving."

A conference of Mission Band leaders of the Presbyterial was held in Central Church, Vancouver, November 14th. In the discussion, led by Miss Lamont, many helpful suggestions were brought forward and some of the problems discussed.

The November meeting of Central Church Mission Band took the form of a Thank-offering, members of the W.M.S. and parents of the children being the guests. A missionary play and short programme were given by the boys and girls.

**Kootenay P.S.** held its first biennial meeting in St. Stephen's Church, Creston. Delegates were present from Cranbrook, Kimberley, Nelson and Trail. The President, Mrs. McLean Bell, presided. Greetings were read from Mrs. Ledingham, Provincial President, and Mrs. Nelson, New Denver. A Mission Band banner has been donated for competition, and a very interesting programme of study has been drawn up for the Bands to follow, based on the Mission Fields and their Study book. The meeting was a purely business one and much helpful discussion took place.

Miss Lamont gave an address in St. Stephen's Church on the Sabbath which was greatly enjoyed, almost all of the Sunday School children remained to hear her.

Mrs. McLean Bell presided at the Thank-offering meeting of Knox Church Auxiliary, Cranbrook, and with Mrs. J. T. Smith, conducted the devotions. The speaker was Miss Lamont, who gave a very interesting address. After the offering the dedicatory prayer was taken by Mrs. McLean Bell. The meeting was closed with the benediction by Rev. McLean Bell.

Creston Mission Band entertained the W.M.S. at their regular meeting in November. The Band is very happy in the work and very much interested in the banner contest.

**Kamloops–Okanagan P.S.**—W.M.S. Thank-offering meetings were held in the churches of the Presbyterial in November. Interesting programmes are reported with a generous response. Mission Bands and Young Women's organizations are busy with their winter work.

**Westminster P.S.**—The fall rally of the Presbyterian girls of Vancouver was held in Fairview Church, Sunday, November 8th, Mrs. J. D. Cunningham, Girls' Organizations Secretary of the Presbyterial, presiding. The C.G.I.T. Groups of Mount Pleasant Church led the devotions, and the

''Ling Kwang'' group of the Chinese Mission sang the hymn ''All Things Bright and Beautiful.'' The Affiliation Service for Girls' Organizations was demonstrated by the Girls' Guild of Kerrisdale Church. Miss Lamont, in an inspiring address, ''Travelling the High Road'', told of the work accomplished by our women missionaries at home and overseas and urged all to assume a share in the work of the W.M.S.

## MANITOBA

Mrs. W. F. Hogarth, 118 N. John St., Fort William, Ont., Press Sec.

BRANDON P.S.—The Thank-offering of Melita W.M.S. was held in the manse. Mrs. J. J. Cowan, Boissevain, was the speaker. She pointed out that notwithstanding all our present misfortunes we have much to be thankful for. The offering of $45.00 showed that, in spite of the drought in that locality, the W.M.S. members were still mindful of the Master's command, ''Go ye.''

Mrs. Coultridge was in charge of the devotions of the annual Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Brandon. Her address, based on 2 Chron., Chapter XX, emphasized a great need, great faith, great deliverance, great thanksgiving. Dr. Jessie Finley, of India, was guest speaker. She told of the advance made in India, especially in Vellore Medical College. The offering amounted to $17.65.

The Presbyterial felt honored to have Mrs. Dill visit them on her way to Toronto. Both old and young were inspired with her message.

The Thank-offering of First Church, Brandon, was well attended. Special invitations had been written and delivered by the Boy Scouts, to every church member. Rev. C. S. Oke was the speaker. Guild and Mission Band girls helped with the programme. The offering was $116.40.

### The Late Mrs. J. A. McDonald

Brandon Presbyterial regrets to report the passing away on November 21st, of their beloved President, Mrs. J. A. McDonald, following an operation. A staunch member, by conviction, of the Presbyterian Church, Mrs. McDonald worked unceasingly for its advancement. She was also deeply interested in missions and was a member of the Provincial Board of the W.M.S. and President of Brandon Presbyterial. In her death the Church has lost a loyal and energetic worker.

**Superior P.S.**—The ''Janet E. Smellie'' Boys' Band, Port Arthur, had an excellent attendance. Each boy was asked to bring a Christmas gift for Birtle School. A great assortment was brought in, all beautifully wrapped and sealed for Christmas. A chapter from the study book was given by Jack Forsythe.

Ninety-five girls were present at the C.G.I.T. meeting in St. Andrew's

S. S. hall, Fort William. Mrs. Deachman's Group was in charge. Selections from ''Council Fires'' were read. An effective arrangement was a lighted cross. This was accompanied with singing ''Into a Tent Where a Gypsy Boy Lay.'' The meeting concluded with taps, games and the friendship circle.

**Winnipeg P.S.**—Mrs. Flook spoke on our Home and Foreign Missions at the Thank-offering meeting of Norwood W.M.S.

Gonor Mission held their meeting November 13th. Mrs. Mackenzie presided. Mrs. Hutchison, Mrs. Flook and Miss Todd all helped to make the meeting a success. It was well attended by young and old.

## ONTARIO

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### Thank-offering Meetings

MANY successful Thank-offerings were held during the autumn. At Thornbury-Clarksburg, with Meaford Auxiliary as guests, Mrs. C. W. Maitland spoke on India, and Mrs. K. N. Cooper on ''Women's Gifts.'' They also addressed the Midland Auxiliary. At Penetanguishene, with other Auxiliaries as guests, the Mission Band and members supplied special music. Mrs. G. W. Wright gave a paper on ''Thanksgiving'' and Mrs. Maitland, in Bhil costume, described our work in India. St. Paul's Auxiliary, Winchester, was addressed by Mrs. W. D. Turner on W.M.S. work and the Mission Band gave ''Love's Candles.'' Drayton Auxiliary had as speaker Mr. A. Hawtin, Jhansi, India, who also gave an illustrated lecture to the Mission Band.

**Barrie P.S.**—Sectional meetings at Oro Central, Hillsdale, Schomberg and Sunnidale Corners were addressed by the Presbyterial President, Mrs. A. E. Swallow, who brought echoes of the Council Meeting, and by Mrs. K. N. Cooper. Attendance was outstanding, and discussions interesting. Stayner ''Jubilee'' Auxiliary encourages attendance by a ''calling committee'' who call regularly on absentees, and also act as hostesses at homes where meetings are held.

**Brockville P.S.**—Winchester, Morewood and Russell Auxiliaries met at the home of Mrs. Cumming. Interesting papers and special music were contributed by members. Rev. A. R. Nimmo spoke on work of the W.M.S.

**Chatham P.S.**—Duart Auxiliary celebrated its 40th anniversary with a supper, the birthday cake being cut by Mrs. A. J. Gillies, a charter member. Speakers were Mrs. J. W. Dickson, Dutton, Dr. Barnett, Ridgetown, Rev. C. Upham, Mrs. J. Watson and others.

**Glengarry P.S.** sectional meeting in Dunvegan, heard encouraging reports from five Auxiliaries. Mrs. P. A. McLeod, Maxville, gave a report of the Provincial Board meeting, and also addressed the Mission Band.

**Guelph P.S.**—The sectional meeting, in Knox Church, Galt, had representatives from the Auxiliaries of Kitchener, Waterloo, Elmira, Preston and Galt. The speaker, Mrs. J. G. Inkster, Toronto, also addressed a sectional meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, with members present from the Auxiliaries of Guelph, Elora, Fergus, Alma, Campbellville, Paisley Block, Puslinch and Nassagaweya. St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Fergus, has sent six barrels of warm clothing and quilts in response to an appeal from the West.

**Lindsay P.S.**—At the executive meeting held in Eldon, progress was shown by the secretarial reports. Miss Gould, who presided, spoke on the work of the Provincial Board.

**Ottawa P.S.**—Over 200 children, representing 16 Bands, attended the Mission Band rally in St. Andrew's, Ottawa. Mrs. J. R. Hill spoke on ''A Bit of God's Garden.'' Greetings of Presbytery were conveyed by Rev. Dr. Ross.

**Saugeen P.S.**—At the executive in Palmerston, gratifying secretarial reports were received. The President, Mrs. B. P. Armstrong, spoke of the Provincial Board meeting.

**Toronto P.S.**—Mission Band rallies were held in six rural and four city churches. Mesdames Dill, Adamson, McKerroll, E. F. Perry, J. Williams, J. D. Holman and Rev. Mr. Anderson were the speakers.

Miss Stephens, a missionary in Brazil, spoke at the ''Janet Haig'' Auxiliary, Glenview Church, Toronto.

Two hundred and fifty 'teen-age girls attended the fall rally in High Park Church, with Miss Jean Cowan as speaker. Thirteen girls, each representing one of our younger missionaries, gave a short sketch of her life and work. Mt. Dennis C.G.I.T. conducted a memorial service for Dr. Caroline Macdonald.

At the 25th anniversary of Mimico Auxiliary, Nov. 17th, Mrs. Donald Hendry reviewed past work. The birthday cake was cut by the President, Mrs. Galloway.

## QUEBEC

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MONTREAL P.S. Executive was held November 20th in Knox-Crescent Church. The President, Mrs. A. W. Lamb, presided and the devotional exercises were led by Miss Cameron, of Stanley Auxiliary. Interesting reports, revealing consecrated effort and great diligence, were presented by the various Secretaries. Home Helpers reported several joint meetings held, addressed by Mrs. Owen R. Campbell. Systematic canvassing in one congregation secured new members. All Secretaries are busily collecting their mite-boxes. First Presbyterian Church Home Helpers report 40 mite-boxes in use. Knox-Crescent reports an excellent meeting. Kensington Home Helpers raised $95.00. Two new Mission Bands have been organized, Livingstone with 32 members, and a senior Band at Campbell-Memorial with 10. In this department a serious lack of leaders is reported. Many children are available but few are willing to guide and direct. Much good has resulted from visits exchanged between well established Bands under experienced leadership and others recently formed. Mention was made of the importance of installing young officers with dignity and reverence. 1 Honorary, 13 Life, 2 In Memoriam and 8 Junior Certificates were issued.

Girls' work reported new groups formed, notably in Verdun, where 10 groups comprising almost 100 girls were organized. The Secretary for Welcome and Welfare told of visits to hospitals and letters received from grateful recipients of kindness and flowers. Sales of literature and pins realized $48.00. Supplies valued at $190.00 were received and sent out to the estimated value of $208.73. These figures convey little idea of the activity in this department. The Treasurer's statement showed total receipts to date, $11,407.29, balance in bank $2,470.00. Discussion followed on the suggested lengthening from three to four years of the period of service for officers. A vote was taken and the Secretary instructed to communicate the result to the Provincial Secretary. Lantern slides depicting in an impressive manner our work at home and abroad concluded the programme. Mrs. Lamb offered the closing prayer. An interesting visitor present at this inspiring meeting was the sister of the late Rev. Dr. Wilkie.

The third sectional meeting of the Montreal Presbyterial met at Elgin on September 26th, Mrs. John Elder in the Chair. Splendid reports from all departments showed earnest work and workers. Mrs. O. R. Campbell brought a special message on the ''Joy of Service and Sacrifice for Christ.'' Others who brought helpful thoughts were Rev. P. Sampson, pastor of the Church, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Reddick and Mrs. Lamb, President of the Presbyterial. A pleasing item on the programme was the calling to the platform of Miss Martha Hamilton, one of the members of the Y.W.A. at Huntingdon. Miss Hamilton is now at the Deaconess Training Home in Toronto, preparing for service in our Society. The next sectional meeting will be held at Georgetown.

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## SASKATCHEWAN

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MOOSE JAW P.S.—The W.M.S. of St. Paul's Church, Moose Jaw, held its Thank-offering service in the Church, Mrs. D. C. Munro presiding. The minister, Rev. A. K. Davidson, was the speaker and chose as his subject the work of the early Christian missionaries before the time of Constantine. The music was in charge of the 'teen-age girls of the congregation.

**Regina P.S.**—At Broadview Auxiliary Thank-offering a number of the members of the Whitewood Auxiliary were in attendance. Mrs. McDonald, of Parkin, gave an address on our first missionaries. The next week this visit was returned by the Broadview ladies when they attended the regular monthly meeting of the Whitewood Auxiliary. These visits proved to be mutually beneficial.

''Sunbeam'' Mission Band, First Presbyterian Church, Regina, held a Christmas concert and also prepared articles for their Christmas cheer.

Mrs. J. A. Sinclair, Regina, was the chief speaker at the Thank-offering services of Qu'Appelle W.M.S.

Miss Betty Walker, of Carduff, has enrolled at the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home in Toronto. We all join in wishing her success.

**Prince Albert–Saskatoon P.S.**—Kindersley W.M.S. held their semi-annual Thank-offering service in November, in the church. Mrs. L. Strachan, President, presided. Mrs. Brent, Coleville, was the special speaker. A pretty pageant, given by the children of the Mission Band, entitled ''Love's Candles'', was very much enjoyed. Visitors from Coleville and Fairmount were in attendance. A social time was spent at the close of the meeting.

Rev. Major Tolmie gave the special missionary address at the Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's Church, Saskatoon. There was a large attendance and a very generous offering.

The Girls' Club and the W.M.S., of North Battleford, held a joint meeting which took the form of a memorial service for the late Dr. Caroline Macdonald. This proved to be a most interesting and impressive meeting.

# Life Members

*Alberta Provincial.*—

**Life Members:** Edmonton P.S.—1; Macleod P.S.—2; Red Deer P.S. —1. **Junior Members:** Calgary P.S.—2.

*British Columbia Provincial.*—

**Life Members:** Kootenay P.S.—1; Victoria P.S.—1; Westminster P.S.—3. **Junior Members:** Victoria P.S.—2; Westminster P.S.—10. **In Memoriam Subscription:** Westminster P.S.—1.

*Manitoba Provincial.*—

**Life Members:** Brandon P.S.—2. **Junior Members:** Brandon P.S. —1 Blue Seal; Superior P.S.—2; Winnipeg P.S.—2.

*Ontario Provincial.—*

**Life Members:** Bruce and Owen Sound P.S.—1; Glengarry P.S.—4; Hamilton P.S.—13; Huron P.S.—5; Lindsay P.S.—2; London P.S.—16; Maitland P.S.—1; Orangeville P.S.—2; Ottawa P.S.—2; Peterborough P.S.—10; Stratford P.S.—2; Temiskaming P.S.—1. **Junior Members:** Bruce and Owen Sound P.S.—4; Glengarry P.S.—Seals, blue 3; Hamilton P.S.—1, Seals, blue 3; Huron P.S.—1, Seals, blue 3; Kingston P.S.—2; London P.S.—5, Seals, blue 1, gold 1; Maitland P.S.—3, Seals, blue 1; Stratford P.S.—5, Seals, blue 2; Temiskaming P.S.—1; Toronto P.S.—Seals, blue 1. **In Memoriam Subscriptions:** Glengarry P.S.—1; Hamilton P.S.—4.

### HONORARY MEMBERS

Hamilton P.S.—Miss Mary Edgar, presented by Central Ch., Hamilton; Ottawa P.S.—Margaret E. Nimmo, presented by Miss Louise Park, Kenmore.

*Quebec Provincial.—*

**Life Members:** Montreal P.S.—4. **Junior Members:** Montreal P.S.—3, Seals, silver 3, gold 1. **In Memoriam Subscription:** Montreal P.S.—1.

### HONORARY MEMBER

Montreal P.S.—Mrs. James Currie, Aux. of First Presbyterian Church, Montreal.

*Saskatchewan Provincial.—*

**Life Members:** Prince Albert-Saskatoon P.S.—3; Regina P.S.—1. **Junior Members:** Prince Albert-Saskatoon P.S.—2 Silver Seals; Regina P.S.—3.

## NEW ORGANIZATIONS

### Ontario

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| British Columbia | 1,000.00 |
| Manitoba | 460.00 |
| Ontario | 16,500.00 |
| Quebec | 2,700.00 |
| Saskatchewan | 500.00 |
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| Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School | 485.06 |
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| Vegreville | 529.99 |
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| Formosa | 839.14 |
| China, South | 3.00 |
| India, Bhil | 75.00 |
| Japan | 24.40 |
| Lantern Slides | 2.65 |
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| Publications | 851.41 |
| Organization | 318.64 |
| Candidate | 24.00 |
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# Editorial

**"For that wide open avenue of prayer,**
**All radiant with Thy glorious promises**
**We thank Thee Lord."**

MAY courage, hope, strength, inspiration and joy come to the Church of Christ throughout the world, because of the united prayers of God's children at the world service of intercession on February 12th.

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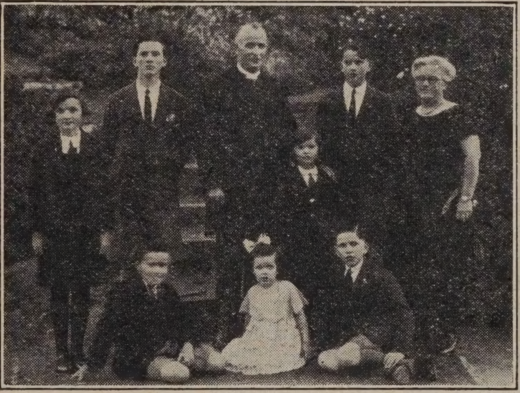
THE whole Society will be inexpressibly grieved to hear of the sudden death, of heart failure, on Januray 5th, of Mrs. D. E. McDonald, wife of Rev. D. E. McDonald, missionary of our Church at Jobat, India. To us, Mrs. McDonald had a great mission in life with her family of seven children, her husband and the Indian women whom she mothered and taught and loved, and who loved her in return. Her death in the prime of life is an irreparable loss to her home and dear ones and to our Church and W.M.S., many of whose members counted her their friend. We pray earnestly that the healing balm of Divine love may be poured into the hearts that sorrow and that His unlimited strength may uphold them in their loneliness. We would also extend our sympathy to Mrs. McDonald's mother, Mrs. R. N. Moore, and family, and especially to her sister, Miss Margaret, who is matron of the Breek's Memorial School, Ootacamund, South India, where all the children, except Joy, attend.



From left: Martha, Donald, Rev. D. E. McDonald, Jean, Richard, Mrs. D. E. McDonald, Edgar, Joy, Drummond

FOR the first time in its history which dates back twenty-five years, the Council of Women for Home Missions met in Canada. Present at these meetings which were held in Toronto, were representative women from 25 different denominational Boards of the United States and a number from Canada—all well known leaders in their respective spheres. Mrs. Orrin R. Judd, of New York, presided.

Meeting at the same time was the Home Mission Council, presided over by Rev. John McDowell, of New York. These conferences met separately in the morning and jointly each afternoon and evening.

While the problems across the border are not the same as ours, we were interested in hearing clever women, the majority of them, keen capable young women, discuss their problems. Some problems were common to both countries and when these were being considered representatives of the Canadian Boards were able to make, as the President expressed it, ''a valuable contribution.''

Several Canadian women were given a distinctive part on the programme. Miss MacMurchy conducted a most impressive devotional service each morning, and Mrs. H. A. Lavell, of the United Church W.M.S., and Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, spoke effectively on ''The Indians of Canada.''

The outstanding addresses were by the Rev. John McDowell on ''The Dynamic of Home Missions''; Bishop Francis J. McConnell, President of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, on ''Christianity and the Human Values''; Miss Mabel Cartwright, LL.D., President W. A. Toronto Diocese, Church of England, on ''The Adventure in Life''; and the Honorable N. W. Rowell, of Toronto, on ''The Place of the Church in the Life of the Nation.''

Speaking of the ''Dynamic of Home Missions'' Dr. McDowell declared that ''what we need, what our nation, our race and this distracted world needs, is not more machinery or more money, but a new spiritual force . . . The Apostolic Church changed communities and nations. Its greatness lay not in numbers nor in organization, equipment, wealth or prestige, but in an apostolic ministry which, by co-operation with the Holy Spirit, made Jesus Christ real to all men and gave them heart, purpose and power. Christ was a living experience. Men took knowledge of them that they had been—not at a council meeting, or conference—but with Jesus. The missionary message was not optional with these men; it was an inescapable obligation. The only adequate dynamic is a spiritual dynamic. The primary problem of to-day is not mere knowledge, but more co-operation with the Holy Spirit. Every problem confronting the nation to-day is waiting for consecrated personality and the Home Missions enterprise in North America will win when men and women give themselves in service and substance. Home Mission work is a national service. It is the news of a transcendent God that our nation sorely needs. If we can capture the present for Christ the future of North America will be secure.''

With this great message we would couple Dr. McDowell's closing words, based on that phrase from the Lord's Prayer, ''Thy Kingdom Come.'' On this Dr. McDowell had three convictions: 1st, That there is no help for the world apart from the Kingdom of God. 2nd. There is no hope of the Kingdom of God coming into the world except by the Church. It is the instrument of God and that is her task. 3rd. That there is no hope of the Church bringing in the Kingdom of God apart from a consecrated leadership and a consecrated membership. It is not by organization nor by power but by the spirit of God in the hearts of men and women. The greatest need of the Church is vision. Where there is no vision the people perish. The best definition of vision Dr. McDowell knew was given by Dr. Jowett, who said: Vision is that power within the heart of man or woman to see the harvest when the snow is on the ground. Dr. McDowell expressed the wish that ''we might go out from these meetings with our vision clarified, our faith deepened and our love quickened.''

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ONCE again the kind friends in Vegreville have given a practical demonstration of their interest in the hospital. It seems that the case room has been very poorly equipped—with just an ordinary bed and a bureau for a storage cupboard. The ''Eastern Star'' of Vegreville are giving them a case room bed, a case room table, a stand and a cupboard, at a cost of about $200. Then they are having their name on the door plate and will keep the case room up. Miss MacPherson, the Superintendent, is delighted over this gift. It will be such a wonderful help in their work. In addition to this, they received three rugs for the nurses' bedrooms, a Christmas gift from the Hospital Aid.

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THE Women's Auxiliary to Missions of the Anglican Church in London, Ontario, are planning a Missionary Exhibition to be held in London during the third week in February. The very valuable and unique collection of curios owned by the Educational Department of the W.A. in Toronto have been secured for the occasion, and it is planned to have attractive missionary programmes with missionary addresses daily, with special talks for children in the afternoons.

The object of the Exhibition is to arouse general missionary interest, and while it is under the auspices of the Anglican Church it is the wish of the W.A. to make it interdenominational in character, and the Women's Missionary Societies of other Churches are asked to co-operate and give the undertaking their sympathetic interest and support. Miss Jean Waugh, 537 Talbot St., London, is the Convener and it is hoped to have members of other denominations assist in the programme.

We shall be interested to hear of the success of this venture which so cleverly combines missionary education and the missionary appeal.

WE are greatly indebted to Mr. E. W. Byers, Superintendent of our "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Residential School, Kenora, Ont., and the members of his staff for their interesting articles on the life and customs of the Indians under our care, which appear in this number. Our one regret is that space did not permit using, at one time, all the interesting material which came.

THE W.M.S. Estimates for 1932 will be found in this issue. Next month comments on the estimates will appear, and also the official statement that comes when our financial returns are known.

# Designated to Service Overseas

ST. ANDREW'S Presbyterian Church, Saskatoon, Sask., was the scene of an impressive service on Tuesday evening, December 15th, when Miss Hildur Kristine Hermanson was designated as a missionary nurse to the "Mackay Memorial" Hospital, Taihoku, Formosa.

The service of designation was conducted by Rev. David K. Perrie, B.A., Moderator of the Presbytery of Saskatoon. He also presided over the gathering as chairman.

Miss Hildur K. Hermanson to Formosa

The meeting was opened with the singing of a hymn, and scripture reading by Rev. J. A. Munroe, of Rosetown. Following this, Rev. Stanley Flook led in prayer. The address of the evening was given by Mr. Munroe who took as his text, "How shall they preach except they be sent." The need for a strong inward response to the call for missionary service in addition to the command of the Master to preach the gospel was stressed by the speaker.

Following Mr. Munroe's address gifts from various churches were presented to Miss Hermanson. Miss Mary W. Cuddy, Superintendent of the "Hugh Waddell" Memorial Hospital, Canora, presented Miss Hermanson with a Bible on behalf of the Women's Missionary Society, and Rev. J. B. Taylor, of the British and Foreign Bible Society, made a similar presentation on behalf of his organization. Acting for the St. Andrew's Church W.M.S., Miss Helen Ross presented the missionary-elect with a travelling case, and a gift was presented by Miss S. V. Scott, on behalf of the Young Women's Club.

Greetings from the Presbyterial were brought by Mrs. A. Sibbald.

A message was read from the minister of St. Andrew's Church, the Very Reverend W. G. Brown, M.A., B.D., Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. A solo by Miss S. V. Scott added to the pleasure of the evening. The meeting was closed with prayer by the Rev. Major Tolmie.

Miss Hermanson sailed for Formosa on the *Empress of Russia,* January 16th.

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At the meeting of the Alumnæ Association of St. Paul's Hospital, Saskatoon, the evening previous to Miss Hermanson's designation, special mention was made of the honor which had come to the Association by having one of its number, Miss Hildur Hermanson, a member of 1929 St. Paul's graduating class, accepted as a missionary nurse at the ''Mackay Memorial'' Hospital, Formosa. It was decided that the Alumnæ attend the designation service the following evening in St. Andrew's Church.

# Two Important Policies in an Indian School

MR. E. W. BYERS, *Superintendent, ''Cecilia Jeffrey'' Indian Residential School, Kenora, Ont.*

THE Indians of this agency are Ojibways of the Algonquin stock with the exception of a small band of Crees at Treaty No. 9.

There are 2,498 Indians in all, divided among 890 families. It is of interest to note that of the above number of Indians 1,222 are under 21 years of age and considered by the Department of Indian Affairs as minors.

There are 5 schools providing educational facilities for the children—4 residential schools and one day school. Two of these residential schools and one day school are under the supervision of the Roman Catholic Church, one residential under the Church of England, and one residential under the Presbyterian Church in Canada. These schools have a total enrolment of 473.

In religion they are mostly pagan and practice many superstitious rites. On some reserves it is a common sight to see pieces of cloth or old garments hanging on bushes or on some particular tree to appease the spirits. On one reserve, a huge rock, resembling a frog, is worshipped and offerings of tobacco and rice are made.

In our school we have especially emphasized two policies: one, that of developing initiative and the assuming of responsibility on the part of the children, the other, the teaching of Christianity.

One outstanding event in the life of our school took place in the spring of this year when 33 of our oldest boys and girls confessed their belief in Jesus Christ, were baptized and were received into communion in the Presbyterian Church. It was a wonderful sight to witness a line of big boys and girls—the line extending right across the front of the church—being baptized into the Christian faith. At least 80 per cent. of the parents of these children are still pagans. Such an event as this makes the work well worth while and any efforts expended on it are well repaid. We are hoping that this feature of the work will continue to progress until every child is won for the Master.

Eighteen of these boys and girls have volunteered to teach a group in our Sunday School and, on a Sunday afternoon, one can see these young workers with their groups of five or six gathered around them listening to the story of Jesus told to them by their own people. Never did a Sunday School group seem more intent upon the study of the lesson.

Little Indian Boy with beaded coat and moccasins

The Principal, accompanied by the Rev. W. L. Atkinson, Miss Carruthers, the school nurse, Mrs. Byers, the matron, and eight boys and girls with brass instruments, spent a week among the reserves attending the sick, distributing clothing and medicines, and holding meetings. The boys and girls with their band instruments led the singing and hours were spent upon the good old hymns.

One such meeting was held in the home of the Chief, who was a zealous leader in the pagan rites, and when prayer was offered several of the Indians reverently covered their faces with their hands and seemed to be in the spirit of prayer. Several picture rolls were distributed and many more could have been given out but our supply was exhausted. Any readers having picture rolls can render a service by sending them to the school where they will be distributed.

The Indian child is gradually responding to the instruction given and another generation should show fruits of the work being done now.

*Only have vision and bold enterprise*
*No task too great for men of unsealed eyes.*
*The future stands with outstretched hands,*
*Press on, and claim its high supremacies.*
*From ''Visions'', by John Oxenham.*

# Indian Reserves, Bands, Chiefs and Councillors

MISS MARGARET WOOD, *teacher at ''Cecilia Jeffrey'' School*

THE Indian reserves are divided into one or more bands depending on the size of the reserve. Each band has a chief, chosen by the Indians in the band. There are two councillors also chosen by the Indians. The first councillor is next in importance to the chief. He acts as deputy chief when his superior is absent. The other is called the Second Councillor and comes next in importance.

This band system is well understood by the Indian child and this is the system that was adopted at the ''Cecilia Jeffrey'' Indian School. It develops a sense of responsibility and importance in the children.

The children choose the chiefs by ballot, usually the senior pupils come out with the majority. In 1931 we had eleven girls and ten boys as chiefs. It is surprising how well the children know each other and they very rarely choose a boy or girl not suited for the position of chief. The chiefs choose in turn their first councillor. This too is an important position. They have to act as deputy chief, when the chief is sick or working. The chief then chooses his second councillor. The rest of the children are chosen in turn. It isn't always the smallest child that is among the last to be chosen, the one, who misbehaves or is untidy is the last chosen. The chiefs certainly try to choose the best band they can, but all have either small children or some that are not easily managed in their band.

The children line up in bands for meals, chapel and any other time when the children are being spoken to as a group. They line up one behind the other, the councillors in front of the chief who always stands last, so that he can watch the members of his band. They also sit at the meal tables in bands.

The chief looks after his band in many ways. He must see they are washed clean, have their hair combed, and that they look neat and tidy. He also must see all are in line when the bell rings and must know where they are if not in line. The chief watches the behaviour of his band, on the stairs, in chapel, at the table, and going to bed. If any member will not do as he has been told he reports the pupil to a member of the staff.

We find that the band system is the best way to get information, discipline and order. Some pupils, who are unruly and untidy are forced to change their ways or they will be scorned by the rest of the members of the band and the school. The girls and boys who are chiefs, improve a great deal when they are given that important position. They are anxious to be on their very best behaviour and do their best to set a good example for their band to follow. This training, for it is a training in reality, makes them take more responsibilities on themselves. They realize the importance of their place in the school and in the world and thus try to become the best girls and boys they can.

There are sometimes difficulties that arise from chiefs showing a little too much authority but these difficulties are few, and are outbalanced by the amount of good this system is doing.

# Amongst the Ojibways

### Extracts from our W.M.S. Nurse's Diary

MISS J. A. CARRUTHERS

IT was sunset when we dropped anchor at Neangoshing. A strong wind had buffeted us, so we sought harbor thankfully on the lee side of its lonely shore. The few log and birch bark cabins scattered about its sands, were enveloped in the hush of the autumn twilight, but a hint of their wood smoke hung in the air.

A couple of dogs bounded somewhere from "the village" depths, barking welcome rather than antagonism or fear, as the principal and his party—which consisted of his wife, the minister, and nurse—stepped ashore. Eight pupils, a contingent of the school band, also accompanied us.

This was truly a solitary place, this land of the Ojibway, and about its primitive isolation hung all the romance and fascination of the red man, which seems to communicate itself in some mysterious way to those who answer its call; and holds them captive beneath its spell.

We moved slowly up the path from the water's edge, for still no evidence of life showed about the encampment.

From the arms of a giant spruce, which seemed to rise in weird benediction, from a great rock that flanked the shore line, and which now showed dimly in the gathering dusk, fluttered a collection of garments. They might have been the village laundry, but suspended as they were from each ascending branch, at various angles, almost to the top, they bore in their ominous flap a sinister command of imperative attention. They were the red man's offering to the God of his fathers.

As we approached the first cabin, a young woman, with two small, dirty but chubby children clinging to her skirts, appeared. Her figure was neat and lithe and she smiled a reticent welcome from eyes that were dark and beautiful. Replying to our interpreter, she spoke only in a whisper, and ultimately preceded us into her cabin, where she immediately and unceremoniously squatted on its earthen floor. The cabin was of birch bark, but the wide cracks that showed by its sagging entrance and sides, were supplemented with skins and questionable blankets. A rusty and decrepit stove threw a glow of heat about the room, and on the floor co-mingled with the dust of countless moons, lay traps, skins, twigs of cedar, and what few of life's necessities she possessed.

A later visit brought the information that her throat had given trouble for three years, (her voice had almost vanished) but no amount of persuasion would prevail upon her to submit to closer examination. Instinctively we felt that ultimately she, too, might relinquish her life to the great scourge of the red man's shores.

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Two small windows failed in the nightfall to admit sufficient light for detailed scrutiny. There was no need for a thermometer, however, with the aid of a flash light. The vague weary eyes, with parched lips and hurried breathing of the child told only too plainly of the battle that waged within. The little lad had then been sick for eight days, and grave concern was writ upon the countenance of his father, with whose help we applied plaster and administered medicine to the object of our sympathy, who kicked heroically on the floor. In the interests of our profession we added ''that he might be put to bed . . . ,'' but the going to bed process only meant dropping into a pile of clothes, coats, and skins in the remotest corner of the ''room.''

The cabin, however, was modern inasmuch as the smooth trimmed logs were closely morticed together, permitting no air to sweep the heavy atmosphere of the dusky room. The floor was of wood, and a clearing had been preserved in the centre so that it was unnecessary to fall over the usual array of requisites to Ojibway housekeeping in moving about, and their bodies were at least protected from the damp of an earthen bed.

Meanwhile, our matron had been taking an inventory of things and for the patient's comfort there would be added quilts and clothing sufficient for his needs.

Next morning the fever had subsided; the weary body of the child had rested. We felt our mission had not been in vain.

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The girls called her nokums (granny). Her gray hair made a halo to a face that was unfurrowed and sweet; and her eyes smiled a welcome as she squatted ''unconcernedly'' on an indescribable earthen floor. The seasons had dealt lightly with this veteran of the woods, for many moons she must have seen in her nomadic existence.

''Heetawgus'' (I am sick) she expressed herself smilingly as she eyed the uniform. ''Aching eyes, aching head and aching joints''. But their presence had never registered upon her countenance. The source of the eye-ache and headache stood in the centre of the floor, and performed its dual duty of emitting smoke and heat nobly, although it looked as if at any time it might throw itself down in sympathy beside its mistress. What lungs, what respiratory brack could withstand the activities of such a stove? We are truly fearfully and wonderfully made! After administering medicine, liniment and pills, we withdrew thankfully from the killing atmosphere, feeling that the color of the North American Indian had been solved.

Later, when I crept through an opening in the birch bark to apply the liniment to the aching limbs, I found her stretched in a heterogeneous collection of clothing and tin cans; and arched elegantly above her in all the ''regality'' of state, a canopy of white netting. Granny Ta-bas-ashuk was sleeping the sleep of the just; for I knew when she lifted her eyes in gratitude to our good principal's wife for the quilt and clothing she had given her, that her heart beat in unison with what she believed to be good.

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Bottling cod liver oil and cough medicines on the after deck, against a stiff wind later, I knew there were ills in Neongoshing that night that the Great Physician alone could heal. Then clearly over the moonlit sands came the music of the school band: ''What a Friend We Have in Jesus.'' In the central cabin they had gathered, this far-flung band of Ojibways, their hearts aglow over the strange page that was being turned in their history.

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Dawn came chill and cold, but our principal who had slept in or on a corrugated cardboard box stretched himself and was astir early. The wind that had swept across the Lake of the Woods the previous day compelled us to lie still at anchor, permitting us to explore the further intricacies of the island.

Along its southern shore a row of miniature structures resembling cabins, each enclosed by a rude fence, marked the resting place of their dead. A small opening had been left at the end of each through which the spirit might emerge. Two long pearl necklaces, a couple of brooches, various tobacco tins and sealers were arranged in front on the encircling platform of the first. A chair stood outside of the railing in readiness for the visitor who was evidently expected to return, weary and tired, from the spirit land. Tins of tea and a bottle of clear liquid awaited another, and a few toys lay weather-beaten and unmolested beside a smaller enclosure. So the spirit of the Ojibway haunting the quiet woods of his wind-beaten shore would find that his flight to the happy hunting ground had not deprived him of material privileges.

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Above all and over all hung the strange dominating spectre of their faith. The great spruce, lifting its head boasting and serene to the starry heavens, yet bearing apologetically in its arms the offering of a people who knew not its Creator.

Next morning as the white sands of Neongoshing died into the distance, we knew that the chilly wind of winter would soon lock the bay, from which Granny Crow drew her fish, in its Arctic grip, and about them would reach, not arms of the shadowy spruce, but those of Him who said: ''Let There be Light.''

# A Pow Wow

POW-WOWS are held when the Indians wish to give gifts to one another. These gifts sometimes are almost all they possess such as a horse, a victrola, a canoe or boat, or clothing.

To arrange for a pow-wow the old men have a meeting and decide the time it is to take place.

The pow-wows are held in their dance hall which is a large log building. The floor is of mud, packed hard, and the building is lighted with gas or coal-oil lanterns.

In the centre of the floor five or six singers sit around a large drum which is brightly decorated. Each singer has one stick and with this he beats the drum.

When the singers begin a song, only those who are giving a gift or who are receiving one are supposed to dance. The dance is really just a shuffling movement done to the time of the drums. If a person receives a gift in one dance he is supposed to give a gift in the next. They bring their gifts which are easily carried and present them at the pow-wow. If the gift is too large to bring they usually give some little token to represent it—*e.g.*, they give a match to show that they promise to give a horse.

They keep on with one dance after another until all the gifts have been given. Sometimes these dances last for more than one night. One pupil said she had attended a pow-wow which lasted for four nights. During that time practically everything on the reserve had been exchanged.

# Indians and Their Medicine Dance

*A composition by* KAY WILLIAMSON, *a pupil in grade 8*
*at ''Cecilia Jeffrey'' School*

IF a person says that he or she has dreamed of getting into a medicine dance, or if anybody is very sick and cannot get better, then the medicine-man comes along and says they have to put this or that person through this ceremony. Then the medicine-man's helpers get the place ready for this dance.

First they make a square, rude frame structure. Above this they place sticks or little saplings which are slightly bent and go into the ground on each side of the dancing hall. Then they put leaves all round and some on the ground for the audience to sit on.

After the helpers finish this they start hanging things up. First, they stand up other poles and on these they put ten kinds of print each four yards long. At the bottom of these prints they set sometimes one or two dogs which have been killed, as offerings to the gods, and some food in cups and tobacco is laid beside it. Only the medicine-men are supposed to eat the food and smoke the tobacco which is placed under these things. Then whoever is sick or whoever dreamed he was in the dance stays in the centre and one of the medicine-man's helpers goes from tent to tent passing around sticks about four inches long to those whom the medicine-man says are to receive them.

Then those who got the sticks come into the hall with spoons and plates. After they stop coming then they serve food just like white rice cooked with raisins or sometimes ducks and wild rice. After they finish they start smoking and they talk until the medicine-man stands and talks about the things that their forefathers used to do in their medicine-dances.

Then they pass around a wooden pail-shaped drum half filled with water and a piece of deer-skin put over tightly and they pound on this drum and all who can sing, and behind this pail-shaped drum goes a rattle and whoever has sung already shakes this rattle while the other sings on until he finishes his song. Even the old women sing.

After they have gone through this ceremony then they start another.

First, they all stand up and each has a pearl in his mouth and they go before the person who is in the centre and kneel down before him and place the pearl somewhere on the body, but they don't do all this at once; they take turns doing it.

After this ceremony they start another one. Each has a skin such as mink, muskrat, weasel, and a bear's paw and then they walk around the hall, some standing along the side and the others walking around. Those who are walking around pretend to cast a mysterious spell over the Indians who are standing.

After this ceremony two of the medicine-men stand and take the drum and go to the end of the hall and shout, ''Waugh-hee-hee.'' Then they run around several times and after they finish this they sit down. Then the helpers take the print down and give it to the medicine-men and after this they all come out each taking a plateful of the food that has been left over and the Indian that is in the centre is taken home and they say that they get life from this dance which is called in our own language, ''Kee-mee-tay-wing.''

# Making Rice

DURING the latter part of August and all of September the Indians busy themselves making rice as they call it.

Usually two in a canoe paddle to some place where there is rice. One person with a paddle pushes the canoe along the mud and water. This is very tiresome work. The other holds one stick in each hand and with these he reaches out and knocks the rice into the canoe. After the canoe has been filled they go home and unload it.

The women then take the rice and put it in a large tub, which is placed over a hot fire. They keep stirring the rice with a paddle-shaped board. When the rice becomes brown they take it out and put it in a hole in the ground. After this the men come with clean moccasins on and tramp the rice for a short time. It is then scooped out and placed in a basket made of birch bark. By tossing the rice up in the basket the husks are blown away by the wind. Again it is put in the ground, again tramped and again tossed in the wind. It is then ready for use.

# Relief Work in Saskatchewan

THERE are about 300 rural municipalities in Saskatchewan and about 200 of these are now being served by the Saskatchewan Relief Commission, which is doing its work with great efficiency and little publicity.

The Saskatchewan Relief Commission supplies food, clothing, fuel, feed, seed, fodder to those who are in need. Fifteen kinds of food are supplied, including potatoes and beans but no other vegetables. No canned or other fruit and no milk of any kind is supplied. Laundry soap is supplied but not toilet soap.

Gifts of fruit and vegetables are highly prized. Vegetables, especially green vegetables, such as cabbage; as well as tomatoes, turnips, carrots, celery and other vegetables are indispensable to health. The carloads of clothing, food and vegetables sent to Saskatchewan by Churches, Women's Institutes, Red Cross and other voluntary societies, clubs and all others interested have been received there with thankfulness and pride. ''I am proud of Ontario,'' they said. Similar gifts have been received from British Columbia and other provinces with equal gratitude and pride.

On account of the drought there is little or no milk available in some areas. Milch cows had to be shot because there was no water for them to drink. Unless little children get milk they will not grow and thrive. Their growth will be stunted and their health and strength will suffer seriously now and in the future. Evaporated milk is a good substitute for fresh, pasteurized milk. The Chief Dominion Analyst reports as follows:—

''It is generally admitted that evaporated milk as manufactured to-day is a decidedly wholesome product, the nutritive value of the original milk being only slightly impaired by partial destruction of the vitamins, and the coagulation of lactalbumin.''

''Condensed milk is less satisfactory than either evaporated milk or milk powder, because about 40 per cent. of the total solids of condensed milk is added cane sugar.''

Evaporated milk, milk powder and condensed milk are manufactured in large quantities in three or more provinces of Canada.

Milk, fruit and vegetables are health-giving and life-saving. All those who have sent enquiries and all those interested are hereby notified of the danger to health and life unless these things are somehow supplied to the drought areas in Saskatchewan.

Other needs: wool for socks and stockings; toilet soap; writing materials (pencil, paper and envelopes); reading matter (newspapers and magazines).

It is understood that the Women's Association (W.A.) in each Diocese of the Church of England, and the Catholic Women's League of Canada in each Diocese of the Roman Catholic Church are carrying on this work. The Women's Missionary Societies of the Baptist Church, of the Presbyterian Church, of the United Church of Canada and of other Churches are doing the same, and other organizations, such as the National Council of Women, the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire and the Women's Institutes are earnestly co-operating.

## JHANSI W.M.S., INDIA

### First Annual Meeting

''THIS Society is composed of nearly twenty members. These members meet once a month and each member contributes something towards the support of women who do evangelistic work in villages.

''This Society chose two women, and these women worked till August and in the middle of September one of them had to resign, now only one is left. We raise nearly twelve rupees* every month. We have had nine such meetings altogether. The Society gave fifty rupees for the pulpit of the new church. After a year the old officers are changed and the new ones are elected.''

* A rupee is about 33c.

# Feasting the God of Medicine

MISS DOROTHY C. DOUGLAS

THIS has been a festive day for Tamsui and the surrounding country. Last year, just about this time, there was a celebration to welcome the god of medicine to our midst and during this year he has lived in a temple down by the seashore. After having had this honor he must be allowed to pass on to the next place, so, to-day, people gathered from all the country round about to bid him farewell.

I suppose there was scarcely a house in Tamsui which did not have guests for the great event, not excluding ourselves, for the coolie had a friend stay all night with him so that he would not miss anything to-day.

The best way to make this god happy seems to be to give him plenty to eat, especially pork. The people feed pigs until they are an enormous size, weighing five or six hundred pounds and often more. The one which received the prize to-day weighed over a thousand pounds. After they are killed they are scraped and dressed and stretched on a frame with an apple or an orange in their mouths. Some of them had little red blankets on and others had decorations of silver paper on their ears, which looked like horns. All of them had a necklace of ten-sen pieces around their necks.

The people had put up a shed on the girls' public school grounds for the idol and the pigs were arranged so that their heads were pointing in that direction. They began to arrive soon after dinner but they could not all get places in the school grounds, so all the roads leading to the place were lined with these pigs and in front of every one was a table loaded with other good things to eat. There were pieces of cooked meat, chickens, duck, turkeys, vegetables and cakes, rows and rows of them, besides the burning incense. Then down at the side they had a little bonfire of idol paper burning. The priest came along and waved some burning incense over them and mumbled a few words and in a surprisingly short time there was nothing left except a little heap of burned paper. The pigs were all cut up on the spot as they were much easier to carry that way. So you may be sure there was great feasting everywhere to-night.

We heard that there would be six hundred pigs killed for this celebration and I suppose there were, although I did not see them all. But when one thinks of the amount of money that was spent and the number of people who were there, compared to the number who will be in church to-morrow, it makes us very sad. It is hard to think that people can believe that going through all those motions and carrying a pig a few miles to burn incense will give them more merit, but they do, and how to bring them to a knowledge and belief of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is our great problem.

# The Good Samaritan

MRS. HUGH MACMILLAN

*A Formosan Christian tells this story:*

YEARS ago when I lived in Taichu a beggar used to come every few days to the door holding out his hands and saying, ''Brother have mercy on a poor wretch. Give a few cents to one in misery, a few cents will buy me something to eat.'' He certainly looked miserable, clothes all rags and filthy beyond description, face and body all sores, eyes sunken and weary. He was the picture of misery. I always gave him money, thirty sen, fifty sen, never less than thirty sen. In fact I gave a lot of money to the chap one time or another.

One day a man passing by saw me handing out money to him and after the beggar moved on, he said to me, ''Why do you give money to that wretch? Do you know what he does with it?'' ''No.'' ''He goes off and buys opium with every cent of it. You think you are helping him with your Christian charity; you are not, you are harming him.''

Well, when I came to think it over, that is just what I was doing. So the next day when he came along I said to him, ''See here brother, I am told that every time I give you money to buy food you go and buy opium with it. Now, this will never do. I mustn't give you money any more. But I'm not going to stop helping you. I'll tell you what I'll do, but first let me tell you a story to help you to understand.''

''Suppose there is a rice field. You know rice can't live without water. Well the supply of water gets low and at last dries up. The rice plants begin to turn yellow (the beggar's face was yellow, that's what made me think of the illustration). Seeing the yellow leaves, I say to myself, 'I must save this rice,' so I go and bring a cup of water from the kitchen pail and throw it on. Next day I do the same and so on for many days.'' ''Will that save the rice?'' I ask him. He thought a moment and then, ''Of course not'', he said, ''you will have to dig a trench from the water source and bring in a stream of water.'' ''Yes,'' I said, ''rice needs living, moving water.''

''Now I have a plan to help you. You come with me to the mission hospital in Shoka. They'll put you in a clean room with electric lights and everything. You'll have plenty to eat. You'll be taught to read and you'll learn the Christian gospel. In a few weeks you'll be a new man.''

He went away sorrowful and without any money. He sought out his opium-smoking friends. He told them of the plan. They laughed, saying there was some catch in it. He came back to me again pleading for money. I held out firmly, promising what I promised before and assuring him there was no catch in it. He went away again. He came a third time and said there was nothing for it but to try my plan. I took him to a bath house and helped him in removing the filth. Then I gave him a suit of my clothes and we started for the hospital. When we arrived I didn't introduce him as a beggar but as my friend. I left enough money to cover a week or so's needs and asked the hospital evangelist, a friend of mine, to teach him the gospel and promising to come and see him, went away.

After several weeks' treatment he left the hospital a well man. I shall never forget how well he looked. He had gained in weight, sores were all healed up and in all he looked a new man. When he came home to Taichu he came first to our house. My wife wouldn't believe he was the same man that sat and begged. Others said he looked like him. It was at the church, when he came with me, that he told them all who he was and how it all happened. It wasn't I who did that. It was Jesus Christ. In His name a beggar became a new man.

[Note.—This talk might be illustrated with lantern slides or with pictures.—Ed.]

# Books Old and New

By Lereine Ballantyne

WE are all thinking about the World Day of Prayer. If your Auxiliary has not secured programmes for every one, please order as soon as possible to give plenty of time for shipment. Also remind the girls, that their own programme is available and ready for shipment. If ever prayers in unison were needed to help solve the problems of the world, it is to-day, so let us enter into this service with zeal.

Then, too, Easter is the next thought. Coming early, on March 27th, there are programmes and special features to be planned. In your new study book, ''THE TIDE OF OPPORTUNITY'', on page 5 there is a programme for the Easter meeting. This may be used as a basis or for the complete programme.

For interesting meetings in which the discussions are absorbing it is necessary to be well informed on world affairs, especially those concerning missions. Your Missionary Bookshelf, or your own library may be added to by any of our books. Those listed below may help in making your selection.

We trust each member will watch for the literature table at her Sectional or Presbyterial meeting. Interest all you can in your table and if you do not see the book you want on it, ask for it. We shall be glad to forward books for orders taken. Ask for our catalogue of missionary literature.

PRAYERS ANCIENT AND MODERN, selected by Mary Wilder Tileston, is a collection of prayers for every day in the year. Price $1.50.

STEWARDSHIP IN THE LIFE OF WOMEN, by Helen Kingsbury Wallace. The Stewardship of Hospitality, the Stewardship of Sewing, the Stewardship of Time and the Stewardship of Money are some of the chapter headings in this valuable little book. Price 60c.

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FROM GLOOM TO GLORY, a play on the first Easter Day in Poetry, by Rev. Percival Cundy. Plays twenty minutes. Price 10c.

Write for Easter and Mother's Day samplers of Services in Song and Story, and any other suggestions for your Easter or Mother's Day Programmes.

## OUR LETTER BOX

### A Letter of Thanks

*Grande Prairie, Alta.*

"WE have been having 30 below zero weather. A great deal of clothing has been sent to us, but not a bit more than we can easily distribute, as needy folk seem the rule, rather than the exception here this winter. It is a great joy to be able to minister to the poor, and it is made possible by the goodness of many friends. We have been compelled to build a wing to our garage to house all the bales, boxes, cartons, etc. We put up a little air-tight heater, so I can go out and sort and parcel up things in comfort. It is a treat to have some space again in the house and makes my work much easier.

I want to thank the W.M.S. for the $250.00 they gave for the room in our new Church and to tell them what a delightful and useful place it is.

There are built-in cupboards along one end, that are used for the Sunday School library and a score of other things. The room is used for Sunday School, prayer meeting, and our newly organized W.M.S. Auxiliary. Mr. Wright also uses the room for a study. We are very proud of our little Church and so happy to worship in it.

We are delighted to have Dr. Margaret Strang added to our forces.''
*—(Mrs. E. A.) Etta Wright.*

## LETTER EXTRACTS

''WE had a great time at Christmas. On Wednesday, we had our big dinner for the children, and their relatives, who were here. By supper time many more appeared. That night we had our concert and tree. The chapel was crowded to the doors. The Indian agent and family and a few others came up from town. For two months the pupils have been preparing for their concert and they certainly did well. We went to a good deal of trouble and made paper dresses for a beautiful flower drill. They sang nicely too, and put on a couple of short sketches. The staff put on a very good play which was much appreciated by the Indians.

''Ever since Christmas every child is seen carrying around a doll and every patch or bit of bright cloth they can get is made up into a doll's dress or bonnet. Every member of the staff has had to part with needles, thread and all their spare bits of bright material. And it is really surprising what neat garments even the little ones make.

''On Christmas night, Mr. Currie and I took four of the children and drove to the Birdtail reserve for their Christmas tree. Quite a crowd of Indians were out and, except for a talk Mr. Currie gave them, every speech and song was given in Indian. We were the only white persons present.''
*—Mrs. Currie, Birtle Indian School.*

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''Talk of financial depression, one wonders if it really exists, for never before have we as a mission, as well as personally, been so remembered. Our hearts are full to overflowing. I wish it had been possible for some of our good friends to have been with us on Christmas eve. The programme was given entirely by the Sunday School scholars and they surely excelled themselves. We had a full church and the greatest heartiness prevailed.''*—Mrs. Mackenzie, of Gonor.*

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''The creamery at Canora sent out dixie cups and frostbites for the patients and staff of the hospital, and the café where they get their bread sent out a most gorgeous Christmas cake, beautifully decorated. They showed it to the patients (there were 17 in over Christmas) before it was cut, and when cut it proved equally as nice as it looked.''—*Miss Cuddy, Canora Hospital.*

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''The bales were most generous and good. We have helped 59 families, some with 10 children. We do appreciate what has been done for our people by the East. Both our Church and W.M.S. will fall a little short of their allocation this year, but it is wonderful how loyal the people have been.''—*Saskatchewan.*

## Prayer

**HOLY and ever blessed God, by Whose providence we are sustained in life, we would lift our hearts in gratitude to Thee for all Thy goodness to us. We thank Thee for Thy discipline, sometimes gentle, sometimes severe, but ever understanding; for Thy patience in the face of our repeated failures and broken pledges and above all, for Thy great love which suffereth long and is kind. O God, our Father, we dedicate ourselves anew to Thee and to Thy service. Use us as Thou wilt and when and where. Bless abundantly Thy servants whom Thou hast called to bear Thy Name in the home land and beyond the seas. Grant them wisdom, strength, patience and courage. Remember very especially those in training, may they have the full assurance that their labor is not in vain. Enable us to help the afflicted, relieve the needy, and share the burden of the homeless, the hungry and the heavy hearted. O God of all the nations, look down upon us now we beseech Thee. Cultivate in us the love of peace. Endue our leaders at this critical time with wisdom, and hasten the day when peace and harmony shall prevail among all people. Outpour Thy blessing upon the women of the world who on February 12th gather to entreat Thy help through prayer. Dispose our hearts to give as Thou hast prospered us and may we meet our obligations to Thee. O Thou Comforter of the motherless, be very near the seven children of our beloved Mrs. D. E. MacDonald, of India, and grant Thy consolation to her husband who has been so suddenly bereft of his helpmeet and companion. May we all believe that in Thy holy keeping are the living and the dead and ''all are safe till Thou bring them to Thine everlasting light.'' Amen.**

# WITH THE AUXILIARIES

## CAN YOU TELL?

1. Where do we serve Ojibway and Cree Indians?
2. Do children of pagan Indians respond to Christianity?
3. What value is the Band system to Indian boys?
4. What outstanding event took place at "C. J." School in 1931?
5. What churches and organizations carry on relief work in the west?
6. What is the W.M.S. estimate for 1932?
7. What is a missionary exhibition?
8. Have young people an antipathy to denominationalism?

### Answers

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# YOUNG WOMEN

## What are Your Happiest Moments?

TWO Christian leaders in Asia to whom more than to any others the missionary group would wish to hearken are Dr. T. Z. Koo, of China, and Dr. Kagawa, of Japan. Dr. Koo is leader of Chinese students in thought and action and he reminds us that our happiest moments are those in which self is lost in service for another or for some great cause. Is this one of the reasons why we find so many thoroughly happy people in missionary work, which we do?

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## Have Young People an Antipathy to Denominationalism?

A prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, U.S.A., speaking of the recent Student Conference at Buffalo answered this query by relating the following incident.

At Buffalo, the M. E. students were hurriedly called for conference at the same hour at which there was a pageant and other interesting sessions in progress. The M. E. leaders were doubtful of a response to a merely denominational call at that particular time. Seventy students responded and gave as their reason for coming, that *they wanted to know what their own Church was doing and what she wanted of them.*

### What Two Groups are Doing

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One group is having, through the year, two or three girls combine and have tea in one of the girl's homes, they being the hostesses. These three get together and invite three girls not members. It is purely a social meeting but as a result they have added three new members. This plan brings in a nice social spirit.

II

In their study of China a group of young women decided for one of their meetings, to have a Chinese dinner in a Chinese restaurant and to have a Chinese present to explain the different courses. This is to be followed by a talk on the homes and customs of the Chinese.

It would help us in our studies to get the more intimate touch and learn how the people live.

Should a group in a small place want to carry out this idea they might write our Chinese workers in any of the centres. They would gladly draft out a menu and explain the different kinds of food.

### Topic for Debate

Resolved: That the Church can wield a greater influence for good citizenship among the newcomers in Canada than can the school.

### Have You Read

''Stewardship in the Life of Women,'' by Helen Kingsbury Wallace (60c.)? It has been written to aid the individual woman in recognizing her stewardship, and to be of use to groups. Because the progress of the missionary enterprise throughout the world is dependent upon stewardship at home a study of this subject is important. The Woman with an Hour—the Stewardship of Time, The Woman with a Message—the Stewardship of the Gospel, two chapter titles, give an idea of how the book relates itself to the interests and activities of the ordinary woman.

### Immanuel

**O live in us this day,**
**O clothe Thyself, Thy purpose yet again**
**In human clay.**
**Work, through our feebleness Thy strength,**
**Work, through our meanness Thy nobility,**
**Work, through our helpless poverty of soul**
**Thy grace, Thy glory and Thy love.**

*—J. S. Hoyland, the Fourfold Sacrament.*

# GIRLS AND LEADERS

## A Pen Picture of Indian Pupils

*By* Frieda Matthews, *teacher at "Cecilia Jeffrey" School*

COME with me into the playrooms and see our Indian girls and boys lining up ready for school. Their dark hair and the depth of their dark eyes is strikingly arresting. Such flashing eyes—most of them merrily dancing with mischief.

Look at this small girl in front—little Norah—whose sweet smiling face attracts you at once. And who is the little girl standing next, whose shyness is so evident? This wee maid Agnes was deserted and left to starve on an island when she was very young. She was rescued later and brought to the school. She never seems to grow and always is called, little Agnes.

As we pass on, little Matilda and Ada—the serious ones; little Hila with laughing eyes; Cora and Mary Kelly—always in mischief; and little Nancy who reminds one of the true Indian maiden of poetry and Indian lore. Jane—who seems to carry the wisdom of Solomon in a countenance that breaks occasionally in a roguish smile of superior disdain. Margaret Sinclair—behind whose quiet immovable features lurks a hint of restrained mischief. Annie Patoosh—an industrious pupil of Grade IV; Marjorie—an inveterate giggler; Christine—who has no home and who is making remarkable progress at cornet playing; Josephine—the kindest and best of our pupils with all the attributes of industry, constancy and love, with just reticence enough to command the love of the staff and of her fellow-pupils; May Pinesse—kindly in her manner and thought; May Sinclair—industrious, reliable, companionable and loyal to the principles of her teaching; Alice—faithful, a student, ambitious—a true prototype of Indian youth.

In the boys' playroom we find just as interesting faces; Hector—a little victim of infantile paralysis, whom the school adopted at three and a half—crippled in arm and leg but the nurse's care and friend, the teacher's thought—manly and cheerful taking his place even with these distressing handicaps amongst the other pupils.

Kenneth who has solved perpetual motion; Leonard—more commonly called, Sunshine—with a smile that just won't come off; Pierre—the quiet one who walks with a measured and dignified tread; Willie with a smile—whose chief delight is to tease the girls sitting next to him.

Henry and Fred—pals, principally in wrestling matches which end in tears; Harold with a persisting smile that shows two rows of perfect teeth and who is called ''muckataywias'' (negro) because of his very dark skin.

Frankie—with such large eyes which fairly pop out of his head when he is being told something new and interesting; Andrew—a real student; Charlie—never in a hurry; Wilfred—who very often has to be sent from the room to remove traces of unremitting and constant neglect from his hands and face but who is always kind and thoughtful; Kay—a brother of Willie's, ambitious but a mischief like his small brother.

# MISSION BANDS

## TWO LETTERS IN OUR MISSION BAND POST BOX

### I

*Dear Mission Band Members:*

YOU will have started the work for another year. I know you will be happy in your meetings for study because you have such a splendid book, ''Big Ships for Little People.'' Your work meetings will have begun and I am passing on a message of encouragement from Miss Walker, who is herself a Mission Band leader. —*Laura A. Dill.*

### II

*Dear Mission Band Members and Leaders:*

THIS past summer I have been working at the port of Quebec as the representative of our Church and W.M.S. Several Mission Bands sent parcels of scrap-books, toys and puzzles which were given to the children. As you know all the boys and girls who come to Canada are not British born. One boat brought a large number of foreign mothers and children. Among these people was a little girl travelling alone. She had made friends on the boat and was very much frightened when separated from them. She was brought down to the Red Cross nursery. Among the toys I found a doll's nursing set which I gave to her. Crying stopped, and she was so happy and excited as she handled each article. She spoke very fast as she showed the set to the other boys and girls who in the meantime had come downstairs. Toys and picture books were given to the others.

A little boy, whose brother had received a ball, wanted something too. He came to our office and I gave him a rubber horse which when pressed made a noise. When he saw the horse and heard it squeak he too was as happy as his brother, but when he had it in his own hands he could hold himself back no longer, so ran out of the office as fast as he could to show his new possession to his mother.

Do you know, boys and girls, that the mothers of these children are very happy when their boy or girl receives a toy? Why? Just because they love their children as your mother loves you and are delighted when you are happy. So, Mission Band members, when you are making scrap books or puzzles you can think of the children who will be made happy and you will enjoy your work meetings to a greater extent. —*Millicent Walker.*

# The Story of Helen Miller

MRS. J. W. DILL

HELEN MILLER lost her mother when very young, but her sister was both mother and sister to the little girl and she grew up beloved and happy. Always laughing and singing, she was a little sunbeam in the home. Her favorite songs and stories were those our boys and girls love to-day—missionary hymns and stories about missionaries.

When she was ten years of age she made up her mind that she would be a missionary. After she graduated from high school the family moved to Toronto. They attended Cooke's Church and Helen not only found work there but helped Mr. and Mrs. Koffend at Evangel Hall.

Anxious to have the best missionary training, Helen took the full course at the Toronto Bible College. She then offered herself to the W.M.S. Board for service in China, took her Missionary and Deaconess training and made all her preparations to go to that far away land.

Then came a sad day for Helen. Her health broke down and she had to give up work and study for a year. But a greater disappointment came when she was told that she could not go to China. Did Helen sit down and grieve? No! She made up her mind she would do something for our missionary work even if she could not go to China and when the family moved to Calgary Helen became a happy and much loved deaconess in Grace Church. To-day her picture hangs among those of other missionaries in the school room and their Band is called The "Helen Miller" Mission Band.

Why is her picture among missionaries? you ask. Because Helen's dream came true and she went as a missionary to Africa. After sixteen months' work for Jesus there, early one morning she was bitten by a snake whose bite is so venomous that unless an antidote is given within thirty seconds there is no hope. In four days faithful Helen went home to the dear Father in whose service she had spent her life.

This story, dear Mission Banders, is told not to make us unhappy but anxious to serve others and help our missionary work in every way we can. The leaders of the "Helen Miller" Mission Band are looking forward to the day when a member of their Band will offer herself as a missionary. Let us all join in that hope and pray that from our Bands will come boys and girls just as eager for service as Helen Miller.

# PROVINCIAL NEWS

## ALBERTA

Mrs. D. S. MacKenzie, 8809, 112th St., Edmonton, Press Secretary

CALGARY P.S.—The special prayer meeting arranged by the Presbyterial was held in November and was well attended. Very helpful papers were read by Mrs. Grey and Mrs. C. E. Jamieson.

Miss Muldoon, Mrs. Rogers and Miss Hamilton, of North Hill Auxiliary, had charge of the devotional exercises at the meeting of the executive of the Presbyterial. Mrs. Lasker reported that bales weighing over 600 lbs. had been sent out and transported free of charge by the C.P.R. This Presbyterial sent four gift subscriptions of the *Canadian Home Journal* to four of our northern workers, Miss MacPherson, Dr. Strang, Mrs. Robertson and Mrs. Wright. Copies of *Glad Tidings* were again donated to the Y.W.C.A. and the Public Library.

Mrs. Robertson, of the Vegreville School Home, writes that their centre is a perfect hive of activity. "The bales have been coming in thick and fast and it takes time to open them and get everything put away. We have had some splendid bales containing lovely Christmas toys and games for our Christmas tree. A special Christmas Mission Band service was held December 20th, with choruses, duets, quartettes and readings. On Saturday evening, December 19th, we had our Christmas party and Christmas tree for our pupils.

"The Auxiliary, with twelve members, realized $25.00 at the Thankoffering meeting and in addition to this raised $29.00 from a chicken supper."

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mrs. D. A. Fowlie, 501 Winnipeg St., Penticton, Press Secretary

WESTMINSTER P.S.—At the annual meeting of Fairview Auxiliary, Vancouver, encouraging reports were given by the Departmental Secretaries. Rev. Walter Ellis spoke briefly to the out-going and to the newly-elected officers. A pleasing feature was the presentation of a beautiful autographed bedspread to the former beloved Treasurer of the Society, Mrs. J. Fraser.

The organization of a Mission Band at Vancouver Heights makes a total of 31 Bands in Westminster Presbyterial.

In December, the girls and boys of "Ephraim Scott" Mission Band, Fairview Church, Vancouver, entertained their friends with a short programme, dealing with some of the work they are doing. This was followed by a lantern slide talk on our mission field in Formosa, by Mrs. J. B. Currie.

The Thank-offering meeting of Central Church Auxiliary, Vancouver, was presided over by Mrs. J. K. McLennan. The devotions were taken by Rev. J. M. MacGillivray. Miss Lamont gave a splendid address on Thanksgiving. A social hour followed.

In December, the Chinese Girls' Club entertained at tea the W.M.S. Auxiliaries of three churches—Fairview, Mount Pleasant and St. Paul's. A very happy afternoon and evening were spent. The objective of the girls is to furnish their club room.

The leaders of the teen-age girls of Westminster Presbyterial have organized themselves under the name of the Presbyterian Girls' Leaders' Council, their object being to meet once a month for helpful discussion of their work. Miss Lamont, Field Secretary, was present and gave some good suggestions.

At the annual meeting of Central Church Y.W.A., Vancouver, the Secretary's report showed that interest in the various departments of the Society had been sustained throughout the year. The Treasurer reported that the financial allocation had been met. The new President is Miss Sybil White.

## MANITOBA

MRS. W. F. HOGARTH, 118 N. JOHN ST., FORT WILLIAM, ONT., PRESS SEC.

BRANDON P.S.—St. Andrew's Church, Boissevain, was filled when the Mission Band held their Thank-offering meeting. The first part of the programme was given by the children, and was followed by a tableau ''The Hope of the Nations.'' Mr. G. Sinderson, a missionary from Africa, gave an illustrated address on his work in the Soudan Mission. Illuminated mite box ships conveyed the children's offering which was $23.50.

The Mission Band of First Church, Brandon, held their Thank-offering in December. A programme of readings, etc., and a tableau, ''Love's Candles'' was enjoyed by all. Seals and Junior Certificates were presented by Mrs. Abey who urged these girls to continue the good work and hoped that one day some of them would be on the staff of the ''M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home.'' Mrs. R. A. Hamlin was the guest speaker. The offering of $35.60 was dedicated by Rev. Oke.

St. Andrew's Church Mission Band put on a delightful programme at their Thank-offering meeting. Mrs. Colleridge and Mrs. Cowan were the speakers. The offering was $17.60.

**Superior P.S.**—At the executive meeting of the Presbyterial Mrs. Ballantyne, President, who had attended the Provincial Board meeting in Winnipeg, reported on this meeting, and also gave a report of the opening of the new Birtle school.

**Winnipeg P.S.**—The Thank-offering meeting of Selkirk W.M.S. was largely attended. The Mission Band contributed a chorus and recitations. Miss Nixon, Mission Band Secretary, gave a lantern slide talk on Formosa.

Stonewall W.M.S. had speakers from Winnipeg at their Thank-offering. The programme was a success.

Both the Girl Guides and Mission Band contributed to the programme at the meeting of St. James Church W.M.S. Lantern slides were shown and Mrs. Flook gave the address.

The Mission Band of Selkirk held a unique Thank-offering meeting with an attendance of 118—66 members, 23 children, 29 mothers. The programme carried out the theme, ''Thanksgiving to our loving heavenly Father.'' Six of the girls were dressed as nurses to represent our overseas missionaries—Dr. Jessie MacBean, Miss I. McConnell, Miss Soutar, Miss L. Simpson, Miss Anne Senior and Miss Hermanson. Special guests of the meeting were Miss D. Jenkinson and 14 members of her Band.

Mrs. Robson entertained Miss Hermanson on her way to Formosa. The members of the Provincial Board were privileged to meet this devoted worker.

## ONTARIO

MRS. D. MASON MCLENNAN, 167 ROEHAMPTON AVE., TORONTO, PRESS SEC.

### Provincial Annual Meeting

THE Annual Meeting of Ontario Provincial Society will be held in St. Paul's Church, Peterborough, April 19th, 20th and 21st. The Convener of the Billeting Committee is Mrs. F. H. Rowan, 549 King St., Peterborough.

**Barrie P.S.**—Thank-offering meetings—Collingwood Auxiliary had a large attendance and generous offering. Mrs. A. E. Swallow spoke on prayer, work and giving. Creemore Auxiliary was addressed by Mrs. W A. McLennan. The pageant, ''An Evening in Japan,'' was presented by the Mission Band, who also gave a Christmas entertainment in aid of missionary enterprise. Victoria Harbor Auxiliary, the first in the Presbyterial to attain their allocation, obtained a Life Membership for an aged member by means of ''sunshine bags'', have aided the deficit and packed a generous bale. Their speaker was Rev. L. H. Gosselin.

**Bruce and Owen Sound P.S.** rejoice over a gift of $100 from Miss M. Robertson, for Gwalior Bible woman.

**Chatham P.S.**—Thank-offerings—First Church Auxiliary, Chatham, reports an interesting meeting, addressed by Rev. Dr. Scott Fulton. Knox Auxiliary, Leamington, with Blytheswood Auxiliary, held a successful meeting with Mrs. H. Turner as speaker. St. James Auxiliary, Thamesville, who presented two Life Memberships from money received in their ''holiday coin bag'' were addressed by Rev. Mr. Treanor, Dresden. A barrel of fruit was sent to the Redemptive Home.

**Paris P.S.**—Thank-offering services have crowned a successful year for all Auxiliaries. Two Honorary and many Life Memberships have been presented to faithful members. Sectional meetings in Brantford, Ingersoll and Woodstock were addressed by Mrs. R. C. Campbell, who has visited each Auxiliary, and who brought an account of the Winnipeg Council meeting. Paris Auxiliary, at annual meeting, expressed appreciation of the record of Laura Wilkin, of six years of perfect Mission Band attendance.

**Peterborough P.S.**—Lakefield Auxiliary Thank-offering meeting was held after the Sunday morning service, when Mrs. J. M. Simpson spoke on the work of the W.M.S. In the evening Mr. Burton gave an account of his mission work in Labrador. The offering was gratifying.

**Saugeen P.S.** received a special gift of $25 from Durham Aux., for support of Bible woman in Formosa.

**Toronto P.S.**—A round table conference of Y.W. Auxiliaries was held at the Y.W.C.A. Mrs. J. Williams conducted a question drawer and Mrs. J. G. Inkster delivered an inspiring message. The leaders of 'teen-age girls held a meeting at the Deaconess Training Home with sixty leaders present. Miss Jean Cowan, Girls' Work Secretary, and Miss Roberta Smith led the discussion. The Auxiliary of Dufferin Street Church, Toronto, attained their allocation by holding a social evening, with a musical programme, for the men of the congregation. Mr. R. Robertson, Knox College, was the speaker.

A Day of Prayer for Presbyterian women in Ontario was observed on January 8th, the various Auxiliaries meeting in groups. This hour of united devotion was felt to be a consecration for the New Year. In Toronto the day was observed in:— St. John's, Knox, Dufferin, Parkdale, Mount Dennis, Calvin Churches. In rural districts, where joint meetings were not possible, the individual society carried out the programme.

## In Memoriam

**Glengarry P.S.**—Skye Auxiliary records the deep loss sustained by the death of Mrs. J. N. MacLeod, a member of the Executive and first President, who gave of her best in faithful and helpful service.

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# Life Members

*Alberta Provincial.*—

**Life Members:** Calgary P.S.—7; Edmonton P.S.—3; Macleod P.S.—2; Red Deer P.S.—2. **Junior Members:** Calgary P.S.—3; Edmonton P.S.—10, Seals, blue 3, silver 2.

*British Columbia Provincial.*—

**Life Members:** Victoria P.S.—1; Westminster P.S.—4. **Junior Members:** Westminster P.S.—6, Seals, blue 2.

HONORARY MEMBER

Westminster P.S.—Miss Margaret Grigor.

*Ontario Provincial.—*

**Life Members:** Barrie P.S.—17; Glengarry P.S.—2; Hamilton P.S.—7; Huron P.S.—9; Lanark and Renfrew P.S.—3; Maitland P.S.—1; Orangeville P.S.—2; Ottawa P.S.—5; Peterborough P.S.—5; Sarnia P.S. 8; Saugeen P.S.—1; Stratford P.S.—5. **Junior Members:** Barrie P.S.—Seals, silver 1, gold 3; Huron P.S.—1; Seals, blue 6; Lanark and Renfrew P.S.—1; Maitland P.S.—Seals, blue 1; Ottawa P.S.—22; Seals, blue 2, silver 1; Peterborough P.S.—9; Seals, blue 5, silver 4, gold 1; Stratford P.S.—6; Seals, blue 5, silver 1, gold 1, 5th payment 3. **In Memoriam Subscriptions:** Glengarry P.S.—1; Hamilton P.S.—1; Lanark and Renfrew P.S.—1; Peterborough P.S.—1; Saugeen P.S.—3.

HONORARY MEMBERS

Glengarry P.S.—Mrs. James Dingwall, presented by St. John's Aux., Cornwall; Ottawa P.S.—Miss Anna Willson, presented by Mrs. L. Simpson, Pakenham; Paris P.S.—Mrs. George Kirton, presented by the Afternoon Aux., Knox Ch., Woodstock.

*Quebec Provincial.—*

**Life Members:** Montreal P.S.—4; Quebec P.S.—1. **In Memoriam Subscription:** Montreal P.S.—1.

HONORARY MEMBERS

Montreal P.S.—Miss Helen D. Rhind, presented by Knox Crescent Ch. Aux., Montreal; Mrs. J. Forbes Fowlie, presented by Miss Elizabeth Johnston, St. Andrew and St. Paul Ch. Aux., Montreal.

*Saskatchewan Provincial.—*

**Life Members:** Moose Jaw P.S.—1; Prince Albert-Saskatoon P.S.—4. **Junior Members:** Prince Albert-Saskatoon P.S.—2; Regina P.S.—3; Seals, blue 2, silver 3, gold 3.

## NEW ORGANIZATIONS

### Manitoba

**Superior P.S.**—''Caroline Macdonald'' M.B., First Church, Fort William, Ont.

### Ontario

**Barrie P.S.**—Hillsdale M.B.

**Brockville P.S.**—Russell M.B.

**Hamilton P.S.**—King's Daughters' Class, affiliated Y.W.A., St. John's Ch., Hamilton.

**Lanark and Renfrew P.S.**—"The Pioneers'' M.B., Elphin.

**Lindsay P.S.**—Junior Y.W.A., Lindsay.

**Maitland P.S.**—''Cheerio Workers'' Y.W.A., Cranbrook.

# W. M. S. ESTIMATES FOR 1932

## NATIONAL MISSIONS

### HOSPITALS

**South Porcupine, Ont.—**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Superintendent's Salary | $1,200.00 | |
| Two Nurses | 1,800.00 | |
| Insurance | 208.00 | |
| Relief Nurse | 225.00 | |
| Maintenance | 1,000.00 | |
| | | $4,433.00 |

**Fort McMurray, Alta.—**

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| Superintendent's Salary | $1,217.50 | |
| Maintenance | 600.00 | |
| Furlough allowance, substitute nurse | 400.00 | |
| | | $2,217.50 |

**"Hugh Waddell Memorial" Hospital, Canora, Sask.—**

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|---|---|---|
| Superintendent's Salary | $1,250.00 | |
| Three Nurses | 2,750.00 | |
| Relief Nurses | 300.00 | |
| Steam Boiler | 300.00 | |
| Repairs | 200.00 | |
| Coal | 2,500.00 | |
| Maintenance | 2,000.00 | |
| | | $9,300.00 |

**"Rolland M. Boswell" Hospital, Vegreville, Alta.—**

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| Superintendent's Salary | $1,200.00 | |
| Two Nurses' Salaries | 1,800.00 | |
| Relief Nurses | 225.00 | |
| Repairs | 250.00 | |
| Maintenance | 1,000.00 | |
| | | $4,475.00 |
| | | $20,425.50 |

### CHINESE IN CANADA

**Montreal—**

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|---|---|---|
| Miss Agnes I. Dickson, Salary | $1,000.00 | |
| Expense and Room Rent | 480.00 | |
| Travelling and Substitute | 150.00 | |
| Miss Hattie Jue, Salary | 770.00 | |
| Mrs. J. Herman, Salary (part time) | 420.00 | |
| Caretaker | 30.00 | |
| Equipment and Supplies | 30.00 | |
| Rent of Y. M.C.I | 175.00 | |
| | | $3,055.00 |

**Brockville—**

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| Miss H. W. Davies, Honorarium and Expense | | 250.00 |

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| **Toronto—** | | |
| Miss Lavina Dickman, Salary | $852.00 | |
| Expenses and Supplies | 200.00 | |
| Rent of Y.M.C.I. | 300.00 | |
| Miss Lambert, Salary (part time) | 240.00 | |
| Mrs. Ma, Honorarium | 240.00 | |
| Bible Vacation School | 20.00 | |
| | $1,852.00 | |
| Less Amount Received as Special Gift | 240.00 | |
| | | $1,612.00 |
| **Saskatchewan—** | | |
| Expenses, Literature | | $50.00 |
| **Vancouver—** | | |
| Miss Ruth Yeandle, Salary | $ 960.00 | |
| Mrs. G. P. Louie, Salary | 736.65 | |
| Supplies and Expenses for Two Workers | 170.00 | |
| Rent to Chinese Presbyterian Church | 200.00 | |
| | | $2,066.65 |
| **Victoria—** | | |
| Miss G. Scott | $1,076.65 | |
| Miss Grace Lee | 840.00 | |
| Expenses and Supplies | 37.00 | |
| | | $1,953.65 |
| General Contingency | | 200.00 |
| | | $9,187.30 |

## EDUCATIONAL—RESIDENCES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **New Liskeard, Ont.—** | | |
| Superintendent's Salary | $836.65 | |
| Taxes | 375.00 | |
| Insurance | 60.00 | |
| Fuel Allowance | 200.00 | |
| Repairs | 75.00 | |
| | | $1,546.65 |
| **Saskatoon, Sask.—** | | |
| Superintendent's Salary | $1,300.00 | |
| Assistant | 770.00 | |
| Care of Grounds | 100.00 | |
| Maintenance | 1,200.00 | |
| | | $3,370.00 |
| **Prince Albert, Sask.—** | | |
| Superintendent's Salary | $790.80 | |
| Taxes | 215.00 | |
| Fuel | 225.00 | |
| Repairs | 50.00 | |
| House Help | 360.00 | |
| | | $1,640.80 |
| **Huntingdon, Que.—** | | |
| Superintendent's Salary | $979.00 | |
| Fuel | 500.00 | |
| Repairs and Decorating | 50.00 | |
| School Fees and Board | 300.00 | |
| Isolation Room Rent | 50.00 | |
| | | $1,879.00 |

**Vegreville, Alta.—**

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|---|---|---|
| Superintendent's Salary | $1,278.30 | |
| Teacher | 1,100.00 | |
| Matron of Girls' Home | 900.00 | |
| Assistance | 480.00 | |
| Maintenance | 2,000.00 | |
| Fuel | 700.00 | |
| Taxes | 765.00 | |
| Repairs | 300.00 | |
| Insurance | 180.20 | |
| | $7,703.50 | |
| Less Probable Receipts | 1,500.00 | |
| | | $6,203.50 |
| | | $14,639.95 |

## INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

**Birtle, Man.—**

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| Principal's Salary | $1,600.00 | |
| Matron's Salary | 900.00 | |
| Two Teachers | 1,540.00 | |
| Assistant Matrons (2) | 1,200.00 | |
| Laundress | 550.00 | |
| Nurse | 600.00 | |
| Engineer's Salary, water, light, fuel | 1660.00 | |
| Contingency | 64.00 | |
| | | $8,114.00 |

**Mistawasis, Sask.—**

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| Teacher's Salary Paid by Government | ...... | |
| Board of Children | 250.00 | |
| Maintenance and Fuel, $350 and $250 | 600.00 | |
| Contingency (Desk, Equipment) | 300.00 | |
| | | $1,150.00 |

**"Cecilia Jeffrey," Kenora, Ont.—**

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|---|---|---|
| Principal's Salary | $1,500.00 | |
| Matron's Salary | 750.00 | |
| Nurse | 720.00 | |
| 3 Teachers, Salaries | 2,260.00 | |
| Sewing Matron | 534.00 | |
| Engineer, Salary, water, light, fuel | 1945.00 | |
| Contingency | 291.00 | |
| | | $8,000.00 |
| Insurance on Old School Building | 265.50 | |
| Indian Chiefs | 20.00 | |
| | | $285.50 |
| | | $17,549.50 |
| Additional probable per Capita Grant from Department of Indian Affairs | | $24,000.00 |

## WELCOME AND WELFARE AND DEACONESS DEPARTMENT

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|---|---|---|
| **Toronto—** | | |
| Miss M. Walker (Jewish Work) | $ 960.00 | |
| Equipment | 25.00 | |
| Miss Mary Murray (Hospital Work) | 1,210.00 | |
| Expense | 120.00 | |
| | | $2,315.00 |
| **Hamilton—** | | |
| Miss M. Allan, Salary | $1,060.00 | |
| Expense | 120.00 | |
| | | $1,180.00 |
| **Ottawa—** | | |
| Miss Mary Hugill, Salary | $1,210.00 | |
| Expense | 120.00 | |
| | | $1,330.00 |
| **Montreal—** | | |
| Miss Iris Munro, Salary | $1,085.00 | |
| Expense | 145.00 | |
| Assistant Port Worker (Summer Months) | 320.00 | |
| Expense | 40.00 | |
| | | $1,590.00 |
| **Quebec—** | | |
| Miss R. R. Scott, Honorarium | 300.00 | |
| Expense | 50.00 | |
| Assistant Port Worker (Summer Months) | 320.00 | |
| Expense | 40.00 | |
| | | $ 710.00 |
| **Winnipeg—** | | |
| Miss Mary Todd, Salary | $980.00 | |
| Expense | 120.00 | |
| | | $1,100.00 |
| **East Selkirk—** | | |
| Miss Dorothy Jenkinson, Salary | $1,010.00 | |
| Rent of Church Hall | 60.00 | |
| Fuel | 300.00 | |
| Garage Rent | 36.00 | |
| Expense | 300.00 | |
| | | $1,706.00 |
| **Gonor—** | | |
| Salary | $1,210.00 | |
| Expense | 120.00 | |
| | | $1,330.00 |
| **Saskatoon—** | | |
| Miss Helen Ross, Salary | $ 993.00 | |
| Expense | 120.00 | |
| | | $1,113.00 |
| **Regina—** | | |
| Miss L. Macarthur | $1,210.00 | |
| Expense | 90.00 | |
| | | $1,300.00 |

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|---|---|---|
| **Vancouver—** | | |
| Miss Margaret Grigor, Salary | $1,010.00 | |
| Expenses | 120.00 | |
| | | $1,130.00 |
| **British Columbia—** | | |
| Mrs. J. F. McLean, Salary (on leave of absence) | $450.00 | |
| Expenses, travelling | 150.00 | |
| | | $600.00 |
| **Peace River District—** | | |
| Miss Hazel Macdonald | $980.00 | |
| Expenses | 800.00 | |
| | | $1,780.00 |
| | | $17,184.00 |
| Grant to Fresh Air Camp | | 200.00 |
| Contingency, Fares, etc | | 500.00 |
| | | $17,884.00 |
| Grant from Board of Missions to be applied to the Estimates for East Selkirk and the Peace River District | | $1,040.00 |
| | | $16,844.00 |

## SUPPLIES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Department Expenses | | $2,150.00 |
| **Total of General Work for National Missions** | | $80,796.25 |

## EXPANSION

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Two Deaconesses (part time) | $1,130.00 | |
| Building Church at East Selkirk | 1,200.00 | |
| | $2,330.00 | |
| Less Amount Provided by Legacies | 1,200.00 | |
| | | $1,130.00 |
| | | $81,926.25 |

# OVERSEAS MISSIONS

## INDIA

### Bhil Field

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Salaries— | | |
| Miss Bertha Robson | $1,000.00 | |
| Miss Christine Maxwell | 900.00 | |
| Miss Isobel McConnell | 834.00 | |
| Miss Marion Williamson | 834.00 | |
| Miss Ellen I. Douglas | 700.00 | |
| Miss Mildred Soutar | 700.00 | |
| | | $4,968.00 |
| Evangelistic | $1,070.00 | |
| Educational | 4,142.00 | |
| Medical | 2,861.00 | |

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|---|---|---|
| Miscellaneous, Repairs and Furnishings etc. | 1,100.00 | |
| Vacation Allowance | 375.00 | |
| Furlough Allowance | 600.00 | |
| Language Study | 200.00 | |
| | | $10,348.00 |
| Probable Furlough Allowance, Misses Robson, McConnell and Williamson | | $1,800.00 |
| Balance Still Owing on the Toran Mall Bungalow | $2,000.00 | |
| Amount Already on the Field | 1,000.00 | |
| | | $1,000.00 |
| | | $18,116.00 |

## Gwalior

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Salaries— | | |
| Miss Irene Stringer | $900.00 | |
| Miss Anne Lee Whatling | 900.00 | |
| Miss Lily A. Simpson | 834.00 | |
| Miss Catherine Moodie | 700.00 | |
| | | $3,334.00 |
| Educational | $3,463.00 | |
| Evangelistic | 1,150.00 | |
| Language Study | 60.00 | |
| Medical | 834.00 | |
| Vacation Allowance | 150.00 | |
| Miscellaneous | 500.00 | |
| Servants Quarters | 300.00 | |
| | | $6,457.00 |
| | | $9,791.00 |
| Ludhiana Medical College | | 50.00 |
| St. Christopher's Training School | | 100.00 |
| | | $9,941.00 |

## FORMOSA

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Salaries— | | |
| Miss A. Senior | $ 900.00 | |
| Miss Alma Burdick | 850.00 | |
| Miss Ada Adams | 850.00 | |
| Miss Dorothy Douglas | 800.00 | |
| Miss M. Ramsay | 800.00 | |
| Miss Ethel Chisholm | 800.00 | |
| Miss I. Taylor | 650.00 | |
| Miss H. Hermanson | 650.00 | |
| Special Worker— | | |
| Mrs. Bella Koa | 650.00 | |
| | | $6,950.00 |
| Evangelistic— | | |
| Bible Women | $600.00 | |
| Travel on Field | 400.00 | |
| | | $1,000.00 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Educational— | | |
| Girls' School Maintenance | $4,000.00 | |
| Women's School Maintenance | 450.00 | |
| Kindergarten | 900.00 | |
| | | $5,350.00 |
| Medical | | 1,000.00 |
| Miscellaneous— | | |
| Language Teacher | $800.00 | |
| Postage and Stationery | 25.00 | |
| Maintenance W.M.S. Property | 1,500.00 | |
| Taxes | 300.00 | |
| Vacation Allowance | 600.00 | |
| Rent (Mrs. Koa) | 100.00 | |
| House Furnishings | 100.00 | |
| | | $3,425.00 |
| | | $17,725.00 |

## CHINA

### Manchuria

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Miss Luella Crockett, Salary | $900.00 | |
| Rent of W.M.S. Home | 600.00 | |
| Medical Allowance | 75.00 | |
| Summer Allowance | 75.00 | |
| Bible Women (three) | 240.00 | |
| Christian Literature | 100.00 | |
| Language Teacher | 150.00 | |
| Rent of Chapels | 360.00 | |
| Repairs to Chapels | 100.00 | |
| Itinerating | 300.00 | |
| Incidentals | 100.00 | |
| | $3,000.00 | |
| Contingency | 400.00 | |
| | | $3,400.00 |

### Shanghai

| | |
|---|---|
| Grant to Christian Literature Society | $50.00 |

### South China

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Dr. Jessie MacBean, Salary | $1,000.00 | |
| Grant to Hackett Medical College | 1,000.00 | |
| Rent | 150.00 | |
| Furlough Allowance | 500.00 | |
| | | $2,650.00 |
| Grant for Evangelistic Work under Church of Christ in China | | $1,000.00 |
| | | $7,100.00 |

## JAPAN

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Salaries— | | |
| Miss Jean C. McLean | $950.00 | |
| Miss Mary E. Anderson | 850.00 | |
| | | $1,800.00 |
| Language Teacher | $ 360.00 | |
| Bible Woman for Miss McLean | 360.00 | |
| Vacation Allowance | 150.00 | |
| Field Travel | 200.00 | |
| Support of Bible Women | 1,700.00 | |
| Support of Kindergarten | 1,500.00 | |
| Share of House Rent | 360.00 | |
| Assistance, Students in Training for Bible Women | 150.00 | |
| | | $4,780.00 |
| Health Nurse (Korean) | | $500.00 |
| | | $7,080.00 |

## BRITISH GUIANA

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Girls' High School, Berbice— | | |
| Salary | $800.00 | |
| Rent | 240.00 | |
| Vacation Allowance | 75.00 | |
| | | $1,115.00 |
| Evangelistic Work, Demarara— | | |
| Miss Cropper, Salary (part time) | $,400.00 | |
| Travel on Field | 120.00 | |
| Rent (part) | 150.00 | |
| Vacation Allowance | 75.00 | |
| | | $745.00 |
| Medical Contingency | | 25.00 |
| | | $1,885.00 |
| **Total for General Work Overseas Missions** | | $61,847.00 |

## EXPANSION

### FORMOSA

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Diamond Jubilee Grant to Memorial Church in Formosa | $ 500.00 | |
| Chapel in Leper Colony, (first instalment) | 1,000.00 | |

### JAPAN

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Building Bungalow in Japan | $5,000.00 | |
| | $6,500.00 | |
| Amount Provided by Formosa Forward Movement Fund | $ 500.00 | |
| Amount Provided by Legacies | 6,000.00 | |
| | $6,500.00 | |
| Total of Overseas Missions | | $61,847.00 |

## NEW MISSIONARIES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Manchuria, Formosa, British Guiana, India, South China | | $7,745.00 |

## PUBLICATIONS

### Literature and "Glad Tidings"

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Salaries | $5,900.00 | |
| Office Rent | 1,472.00 | |
| New Publications | 500.00 | |
| Annual Reports , Printing and Mailing | 1,600.00 | |
| Departmental Tabulated Forms | 215.00 | |
| Publications Supplied to Workers | 313.00 | |
| | | $10,000.00 |

## ORGANIZATION

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Field Secretaries | $3,200.00 | |
| Travelling Expenses | 1,200.00 | |
| Girls' Work Secretary | 900.00 | |
| Travel and Other Expenses | 500.00 | |
| Presbyterian Girls' Camps | 150.00 | |
| Deputation Work Contingency | 500.00 | |
| | $6,450.00 | |
| Travelling Expenses, Presbyterial Executives | 710.00 | |
| | | $7,160.00 |

## STUDENT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Departmental Expenses | $700.00 | |
| Education of Chinese Student | 400.00 | |
| | | $1,100.00 |

## CANDIDATES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Departmental Expenses | $750.00 | |
| | | $750.00 |

## LANTERN SLIDES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Boxes, Slides, Prints, Express, etc., as per Assembly's Committee | $150.00 | |
| Our Own Work | 50.00 | |
| | | $200.00 |

## LIBRARY

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Departmental Expenses | $410.00 | |
| Grant to Hungarian Literature | 120.00 | |
| Grant to Chinese Literature | 20.00 | |
| Bibles for New Missionaries | 50.00 | |
| | | $600.00 |

## MISCELLANEOUS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Exchange | $4,000.00 | |
| Interdenominational Christian Literature | 300.00 | |
| Christian Literature for Poland | 25.00 | |
| Canadian School of Missions | 625.00 | |
| Federated Fees | 300.00 | |
| Grant to Knox College | 100.00 | |
| Grant to Deaconess Home | 100.00 | |
| Deputation (Missionary and Board Members) | 800.00 | |
| Church Extension | 1,000.00 | |
| Pensions to W.M.S. Workers | 2,250.00 | |
| Enlarged Council Executive Meeting | 1,200.00 | |
| | | $10,700.00 |

## ADMINISTRATION

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Salaries | $3,804.00 | |
| Rent | 1,472.00 | |
| Auditing | 250.00 | |
| General Expenses | 1,200.00 | |
| | | $6,726.00 |

## SUMMARY

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|---|---|
| National Missions | $81,926.25 |
| Overseas | 61,847.00 |
| New Missionaries | 7,745.00 |
| Publications | 10,000.00 |
| Organization | 7,160.00 |
| Student | 1,100.00 |
| Candidate | 750.00 |
| Lantern Slides | 200.00 |
| Library Department | 600.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 10,700.00 |
| Administration | 6,726.00 |
| General Contingency | 1,245.75 |
| | $190,000.00 |

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## A Message from the King's Son

DEPRESSION and apathy are the devil's own, the Prince of Wales told 10,000 boys and girls in Albert Hall, London, on January 27th, at a meeting arranged by the National Council for Social Service.

“They're not English,” he cried; “away with them!” And the roof rang with cheers. “Emerson said, a good many years ago, that the Englishman is the one who stands firmest in his shoes,” said the Prince, “and I know this is true of the rising generation of to-day. So far as I am concerned, many paths in life are closed to me. Much that I would like to do I cannot, but I have tried to bring the people of the Empire closer together. I have had my failures, I know, but in these years, with few precedents to guide us, to have had no failures is to have attempted nothing. There is a danger that some people are getting too used to the present critical situation,” he said. “It's no use waiting for that doubtful thing of a good time coming. We have got to fight, and here I pin my faith to the younger generation, to keep England ‘a bulwark for the cause of men,’ to keep our great heritage in trust for those who come after.

“We have before us to-day a world sick with fearful doubt and weary with repeated disappointment—a world of troubled nations whose vital need is courageous faith in each other. It is an era of potential plenty, when confidence should be supreme, yet we see in every land widespread distress and perplexity. The enemies to-day are depression and apathy. Let us attack them with two of our old-fashioned characteristics, good sense and good humor.” —*Associated Press.*

This is indeed a royal message. The Prince of Wales has made many arresting speeches but none more stirring or effective than the above. It was a simple call to the nation to new hope and fresh courage. As one writer has said, “If through this message the Prince can revive some of that spirit for peacetime wars on enemies within the gates, he will have rendered a great Imperial service.”

# Editorial

"O CHRIST OF THE EMPTY TOMB and the early morning, call us in Love's rare tone, and our hearts shall answer, Master.

"O PRINCE OF PEACE, calm us in the midst of life's confusion and strife and death. Help us to believe in the life immortal, and to live it serenely in our daily tasks.

"O GOD OF HOPE, awaken in us the new hope for a new day: so shall we take courage for ourselves and for the world.

"And may we never forget that this is God's world, with God's sun in the heaven, and God's truth in the clouds." Amen.

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OUR members will be delighted to know that, if all goes well and no untoward circumstances due to war occur, our Moderator, the Very Reverend W. G. Brown, M.A., B.D., of Saskatoon, and Mrs. Brown, will be present at the sixtieth anniversary of the founding of our North Formosa Mission. Mr. Brown will represent our Church and Mrs. Brown the W.M.S. We in Canada, who have been privileged to hear the heart-stirring messages of the Moderator, rejoice exceedingly that the Formosan Church is to have the opportunity of meeting and hearing this great apostle of home missions and of the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ. We know, too, what an enriching story he will bring back to the home Church of the wonders of redeeming love which have been wrought among these people. Mr. Brown will be the bearer of greetings from the Presbyterian Church in Canada—the daughter Church of the largest Protestant body in the world—to her overseas sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown sail from Vancouver on the *Empress of Canada,* on March 12th. Our members have followed the Moderator in prayer, as he has gone from place to place in Canada, so would we continuously remember him and his wife as they face this further responsibility at the request of their Church.

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EVANGEL HALL *Bulletin,* Toronto, closes its usual weekly story of the activities of the mission and the plans for the celebration of its 19th anniversary with a brief statement of their missionary givings, which bespeaks a grandeur of service on the part of the women which would be hard to surpass especially as many of them work by the day, while others know discouragement and unending difficulties. It says:

"At the teachers' meeting Friday evening it was decided to send to Dixonville, to Dr. Margaret Strang, the sum of fifty dollars for the supply of their need there, in connection with the new log church they are building. We want to help them get supplied with Bibles, hymnbooks and gospel portions for distribution.

''It was voted also to send ten dollars each to Poland, Formosa and India. 'Joey', the boy in India whom the Women's Class has been interested in for so long was cared for again to the extent of twenty-five dollars and the colporteur in India was also provided for again. In order to pay the rent at Kung Chu Ling, Manchuria, it was voted to meet the responsibility for that by sending one hundred dollars which covers the entire cost of the rent of the chapel.''

All honor to these women and to that great army called the W.M.S. whose hearts the Lord has touched and who have not been unmindful of His claims, as our Treasurer's statement shows, but out of their riches or their poverty have given for the carrying on of His work.

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THE Indian is a real artist. An exposition of Indian Tribal Arts, shown in New York proved this. The object of its promoters was to exhibit articles of aesthetic value not sweet grass baskets and other souvenirs by which the Indian has been forced to misrepresent himself for the amusement of tourists and his own economic advantage. This exposition had great educational value, for ''everything shown was of museum calibre, and so displayed as to bring out its intrinsic beauty and to establish its place in the perspective of Indian culture.''

A writer to the *New York Times* says: ''Despite all that has been done to drive this race into extinction the Indian art tradition remains unbroken. Artists to-day are equipped to produce pottery that deserves to be placed alongside prehistoric and mound builder specimens. Behind the art of basketry as practised to-day lie thousands of years of development. The Indians were first of all weavers, and it is probably in this medium that the most venerable artistic conventions were originally established. One feels the influence of this vast background in the modern water-colors, which relate quite as distinctly to ancient work in basketry and blanket-weaving as do the drawings in line and color that embellish eighteenth and nineteenth century buffalo hides.''

''Art is at least half of life to an Indian,'' says another writer. ''It is inextricably interwoven with his religion and his religion is part and parcel of daily life. Further, even among groups where the tribal life has been destroyed and the arts almost forgotten, a little encouragement can bring about some measure of aesthetic revival.'' Those who organized this exposition had in mind the deep well of creativeness in the Indian character, which only needed encouragement to bring it to life.

IN our study of the Indians it is interesting to learn, that the wild form of Indian corn, one of the world's most important food plants, has never been discovered.

When the first Spanish explorers came into contact with the natives of the new world, it is said that they found them cultivating and using a peculiar kind of grain, which the white men named ''Indian corn.'' In one of the Indian languages it was known as ''Mahiz'' and this name has survived as its proper title: maize. It is of importance in North and South America and has stretched into South Africa, India and the Black Sea basin. There is some evidence that it came from the uplands of South America but that is not certain. The nearest thing to it that botanists have discovered is a tropical American grass found both wild and in cultivation. The Aztecs grew it and called it ''oosinte'' which means ''grain of the gods,'' but it did not look like maize and bears its seeds at the top like millet or Kaffir corn.

It is stated that ''a number of botanists and plant breeders, among them the late Luther Burbank, have attempted to induce ossinte to evolve into maize. But none of them has ever been successful, so that America's chief grain remains a botanical orphan.''

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FRIENDLINESS, or the gospel of the palm of the hand, is a ministry by itself. This gospel Miss Mary Murray, Toronto, our Welcome and Welfare worker, whose duty it is to visit seven large hospitals, practises daily, and many are the sick and lonely girls this gentle voiced missionary has cheered and helped. Her service is actuated by love, but love begets love and gratitude ever expresses itself in service. Thus it was that there came to Miss Murray, on Christmas of 1930, a gift of five dollars from a girl to whom she had been kind ''to be used to bring joy to some girl who was sick and lonely.'' This Christmas the gift was repeated, but, instead of being $5.00 it was $15.00. Though no longer a resident of Canada, distance did not dim the memory of this grateful girl and we can imagine her pleasure when she learns that favorable exchange increased her gift of $15.00 to $17.40.

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LARGE and representative as were some of the groups who met for prayer in Canada and the United States on the World Day of Prayer, February 12th, they cannot outdo, either in number or devotion, some of the great meetings for prayer in Africa of which we read last year, where, at the sound of the call drum the people came streaming from miles around to the service, and after it was over they went home by different paths so as to testify and pray in the homes along the trail.

SPEAKING of Japan's food problems, *World Dominion,* in a recent issue makes a decidedly arresting statement, and asks a question not easily answered. It says:

''If the present birth-rate is maintained during the next thirty years, Japan will rank third in world population. Industrialization is favored as the solution for providing food for the babies that are born at the rate of four a minute, but Japan is largely dependent on Manchurian concessions for large supplies of fuel and metal. Will these concessions stand the strain of increased consumption, and can they be secured to her indefinitely?''

# The Glory of the Garden

### Appropriate for the Easter Thank-offering

''IN the Bible the three most stupendous events in the history of the world—the temptation and fall of man, the agony of our Lord, and His resurrection—are depicted as taking place in a garden. The Bible begins with a garden and ends with a garden city, the New Jerusalem. Genesis tells of Paradise lost, Revelation, of Paradise regained.''

''So from garden-craft, the oldest and most respectable of arts, the Bible borrows many of its most profound and appealing figures of speech. Planting and watering and grafting and pruning, the joys out of the fruitful fields, singing in the vineyards, gleaning of grapes, shaking of the olive, blossoming and budding, briars and thorns, locusts and caterpillars, the rose of Sharon and the lily of the valley, all remind us that the Bible is a book of the open air, that the God of nature is one with the God of revelation and that His laws operating in the garden have their analogy in the soul of man.''

**Prayer.**

**Hymn 214.**

**Leader.**—As we consider our Mission Work and causes for Thanksgiving at this Easter season, our thoughts are directed to the cultivation of the garden of our souls.

We can show our growth by the study of God's Word; by prayer; by public worship; by service.

**Scripture Reading.**—Showing woman's service at the Resurrection—John 20: 1, 2, 10-18. Showing willing offerings—I Chron. 29:10-17.

**Offering.**—Solo.

**Prayer.**—Dedication of our gifts and selves.

Continuing the theme of our *topic we face the great task of making ready the garden of the Lord.

1. The seed.—The word of God is to be planted in the hearts of those to whom our missionaries go. Prayer—vision of the world's need. The Bible Society co-operating with all missionaries provides the seed.

**Hymn** 388 (omit verses 2 and 3).

2. The Gardeners.—Our Missionaries.
3. Fruit.—Results.
4. Prayer and Sacrifice for the Garden.—A call to all present.

**Prayer.**—Gratitude for what has been accomplished.
Courage and devotion to continue the cultivation.

**Hymn** 394 (verses 1, 2, 5).

**Note:** This programme, which was prepared by Miss Jessie Parsons, Mrs. John Davey, and Miss Marjorie Bain, of Toronto Presbyterial, is suggestive and can be adapted to each Auxiliary. More familiar hymns may be used so long as they are in line with the subject.

For helps see: The ''Gratitude Tree.'' Price 2c. ''The Garden.'' Price 5c. The *Glad Tidings* for years 1931-32. ''Miracle Lives of China,'' by Dr. and Mrs. Goforth. Price $1.25.

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* It is intended that addresses be given on any one of the four subtopics or one address on all four.

# Our 1932 Estimates

MRS. R. C. DONALD, FINANCE SECRETARY

I AM sorry that, owing to illness, I was not able to have these few remarks on our Estimates ready for the February *Glad Tidings.*

There is really very little to say this year either in explanation or suggestion.

As you know, the amount decided on by Council for the carrying on of our branch of the Church's work for 1932, was $190,000.00, this being the same as for 1931. The committees in charge of each department worked very hard to reduce their estimate to the lowest amount possible, necessary to do efficient work. Even after that, your Finance Committee found there had to be quite a little paring and re-arranging. However, after many hours of very earnest work, we managed, as you can see from the Estimates printed in last month's *Glad Tidings,* to keep within the prescribed amount of $190,000.00.

You will notice that once more we were greatly helped by having our Legacy Account to fall back upon. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking many of our members and Auxiliaries for responding so readily and loyally to the policy of our Society in regard to Legacies.

Our policy is that all Legacies be sent to our *General Treasurer* to be deposited in our Legacy Fund, this fund to be used for building or repairing old buildings. As time goes on and our work expands, as we hope and pray it will continue to do, we will require many new buildings and equipment, and we want to prepare for that by building up a capital account by means of our legacies. Of course, if there has been any wish expressed for a bequest to go to a special field, that request is carried out.

This has been a difficult year, but thanks to the faithful work of our members we have been able to carry out all our plans with the help of our Lord and Master.

# Our Financial Standing

IN presenting the financial statement for 1931 we do so with heartfelt thanks to all the Provincials and every member in them for the very wonderful way they have all co-operated, enabling us to make such a splendid statement in the face of great odds. We realize that this has meant much sacrifice and that this year we have conducted our missionary enterprise on our sacrifices and not our surpluses.

The estimate for 1931 was $190,000, of which $186,000 was allocated to the Provincials. To meet this we received: from Provincials, $168,207.94; from Individual Subscriptions, $3,361.79; Rent and Relief Supplies, $257; making total receipts $171,826.73. Had we spent up to the estimate of $190,000 this would have meant a considerable deficit. But the expenditure for the year amounted to $175,671.95, of which $3,100 was taken from the Legacy and Pension fund, leaving $172,571.95 to be met from receipts, so that we closed the year with a deficit of $745.22. We were able to keep expenditures down because of two facts, watchful management on our Executive combined with the co-operation of our missionaries at home and abroad, and largely because of several bits of good luck, such as exemption and rebate of taxes on some institutions, which may not happen this coming year.

We are grateful to report that none of our work has had to be curtailed and all established work is being provided for, but no expansion is being planned and in present circumstances, no advance is justifiable. Are we willing to stand still? The answer is in your hands. One of our Treasurers said, ''The largest givings came from the people who had the least.'' It has been said we can give without loving but we cannot love without giving. Which way are we giving to our Society?

We thank our heavenly Father for care and guidance in the past and pray that He will guide us still and lead us forward with courage, looking to Him for future blessings.

**Receipts from January 1st to December 31st, 1931**

PROVINCIAL GIVINGS

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| Alberta | | $ 4,690.92 | |
| British Columbia | | 6,000.00 | |
| Manitoba | | 4,882.02 | |
| Ontario | $129,935.00 | | |
| Ontario Supply Depart. | 65.00 | 130,000.00 | |
| Quebec | | 19,235.00 | |
| Saskatchewan | | 3,400.00 | |
| | | | $168,207.94 |
| Individual Subscriptions | | 3,361.79 | |
| Rent of Property at Vegreville | | 180.00 | |
| Building sold at Vegreville | | 100.00 | |
| Relief Supplies | | 77.00 | |
| Legacies | | 9,000.00 | |
| Interest | | 2,957.12 | |
| | | | $15,675.91 |
| Total | | | $183,883.85 |

(MRS. W. R.) ETHEL M. ADAMSON,
*Treasurer.*

# The Indian, The Church and The Government

*Extracts from an address to the Home Missions Council.*

MRS. D. T. L. MCKERROLL

IT is a certainty that the first to sit and view the immigration question with concern, were North American Indians of three centuries or more ago when the white race began to invade these realms.

> ''Before the white man came
> The Red Man rode the plain
> Untitled Lord of nature's great domain.''

No wonder the intrusion of European people caused consternation, alarm and even warfare between the two races.

The French, although they treated the Indians kindly, had never conceded them any vested interest in the soil. The British attitude differed distinctly from this (quoting from the Indian Department's report of Confederation Jubilee year, 1927), and ''was enunciated in the Proclamation of 1763 whereby their aboriginal rights were expressly recognized. The terms of the Proclamation have been reflected before and since Confederation, in the administration of Indian Affairs by the successive governments of Canada. Under the British North America Act the control of the Indians was allotted to the Federal authority and it has been the aim of the government to treat them with uniformity throughout the Dominion. Under the provisions of the Indian Act which is administered by the Department of Indian Affairs,'' reserves have been set apart for the various Indian bands, protection from encroachment by whites upon these lands is given as well as other benefits.

As recently as 1930, an extension of treaty No. 9, with about 4,000 Ojibway and others, was arranged and signed for the last remaining area of Ontario still unceded, a tract of 128,000 square miles in the northwest corner of the Province of Ontario with Manitoba on the west, James Bay and Hudson Bay on the north and east. Many of tribes have been hitherto practically inaccessible.

It is a far cry from the ''primitive paddle to the palpitating plane'' but it has brought many of these tribes into a new contact with civilization. Much of this and other north territory is now being air-blazed by the Government. On the occasion of this last treaty signing, great was the wonder at the air bird which seemed so dead and powerless on land.

Tribute must be paid to the great Hudson's Bay Company of Honorable Adventurers during its 250 years' trade with the Indians. It, however, existed for trade only, and yet later it co-operated graciously with efforts of various churches. Some stockholders and members of the company became concerned with their responsibility towards the Red man in his primitive state, often in pitiful need, and directed that inquiry should be made regarding conditions. In 1815, Governor Semple ''was required to ascertain 'if any trace existed of either temple or idol, and whether it would be practicable to gather the children together for education and industrial training.' In his report* he said: 'I have trodden the burnt ruins of houses, barns, a mill, a fort, and sharpened stockades; but none of a place of worship, even upon the smallest scale.

Mrs. Huntinghawk and children as they camp when visiting Birtle Indian Residential School

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* From Bulletin 12, Church of England Information Series.

I blush to say that over the whole extent of the Hudson's Bay territories no such building exists'.'' Such a report resulted in the appointment of a clergyman as chaplain of the Hudson's Bay Company, and in 1820, Rev. J. West, an Anglican, reached the Red River settlement (now Winnipeg) bringing a gift of £100 from the Church Missionary Society ''to make trial of his plan of establishing schools for the Indians.'' He also persuaded With-a-wee-capo of York Factory to give him his two sons as first pupils. This work the Church Missionary Society continued until December 31st, 1920, a period of 100 years of faithful work for Indians, when it handed over to the Missionary Society of the Anglican Church, full responsibility for this work. All early efforts were a charge on the communion or society concerned. Other communions made beginnings. In New France, as early as 1616 the Recollet fathers taught the Indians. The Jesuits were active early in the eighteenth century.

In the early days education of even white children received very little attention, in fact the first school in Upper Canada, 1784, was for Mohawk Indians settled on the Bay of Quinte and the first church to be erected in the province, 1785, was for the Six Nations Indians near Brantford.

The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts organized the Indian School on Tyendinaga Reserve (Bay of Quinte). The New England Company, an evangelical Society, chartered in 1661, the Wesleyan Methodist Society and the Jesuits interested themselves in Indian educational work early in the nineteenth century. Forty day schools were organized before 1867, all but two without government grants. In 1848, certain Indian bands agreed to set aside one-quarter the amount given them for ammunition for purposes of education. Presbyterians were slower in making a beginning, and not till 1866 did they take a share in this work, when the Rev. Jas. Nesbit and Mr. Mackay trekked for weeks over the prairie to near what is now Prince Albert, and there began a work of ministration.

The 1929 census shows an Indian population of 108,012. There are 350 schools for Indians, 78 of these residential schools and 264 day schools, with 15,473 pupils.

Of the 78 residential schools, 43 are Roman Catholic. The Anglican work is the second largest with 20; the United Church have 13, and the Presbyterians 2, both of these large, new, and fully equipped buildings.

To quote from Government Indian Report, 1930, page 15. ''The first Indian Residential School to complete 100 years of continuous service is the Anglican Mohawk Institute at Brantford, Ont. In 1815 a school and church were arranged for at Mohawk Village by Chief Joseph Brant. In 1824, a residential school was started with 21 pupils. In 1830 manual training was added.

No study of aboriginal tribes in North America would be complete without a survey of magnificent effort being made by the Anglican Church to reach the Eskimos and Indians of the Far North, a work difficult and expensive, known as the Arctic Mission. The first and only residential school for Eskimos is near the boundary of Alaska. Two hospitals, one at Aklavik and one in Baffin's Land, for Eskimos and Indians, are carried on.

The development of the educational system has been a most interesting part of the governmental and church relationships. In the beginning, for about 200 years, no grants were given except to two small schools and the churches, or sending societies, bore the total costs. As residential schools increased, per capita grants, according to daily attendance of pupils, were given to these schools. At first the churches owned the buildings, but later it became the policy of the Government to provide buildings, handing the key to whichever church was willing to administer and take care of the pupils, the church to retain the building so long as it was used as a residential school for Indians, so that now we have schools of both these types in Canada. The amount of per capita grant depends on various factors, whether the churches own the buildings or not being one, and the type of educational work carried on in the school being another factor.

The teachers employed in these schools must have the same qualifications as those in the public schools of the province concerned. Nurses are sometimes employed by churches, sometimes by the government, to care for the children in the schools. A careful inspection is carried on by officials representing the Government who also have 166 Indian Agents who represent the Government in all parts of Canada. Clothing is provided by the churches. The churches are wholly responsible for the religious training and take the entire management of the school, and both government and churches are constantly taking counsel together as to improvements in the methods of carrying on the work. Where there are no boarding schools, a type of day school has been evolved called the improved day school, where hot lunches are served.

On reserves the religious work has been carried on by the various denominations, and it is marvelous the way the Indian has responded to the teaching of Christianity. W.M.S. Auxiliaries have been organized on a number of these reserves.

### Genuine Interest

One feature which is very outstanding about Indian work in Canada, is the genuine interest of the Government, and the Department of Indian Affairs, in the welfare of these people. Last year there was expended in connection with this work, a total of $5,784,569.66. Their interest in housing has been evidenced by the fact that 2,000 houses have been built for the Indians in the last five years, 500 of them in 1930.

Health is a matter of great consideration. Public Health nurses are placed on many of the reserves. Hospital care is provided and doctors give service. Surveys are being made on the British Columbia and Alberta reserves of the condition of the eyes in the whole population. This is being done under competent and qualified eye specialists. Dental service is given to those who need it.

The care that the Department gives these people may be illustrated by a case of a boy in the far north who had been badly injured. The Department secured a plane and through the co-operation of the Provincial Air Service, the boy was carried over one thousand miles by plane and his life was saved. One must bear tribute to the personal interest taken by the officials of this department in the various problems of this intricate work.

## PROBLEMS

One difficulty that grows out of the system of schooling is that the pupils are apt to become what might be termed ''spoon fed.'' The Department has contributed to a partial solution of this problem, along with the assistance of some of the church societies, by grants towards establishing 160 young people, some in homes, and some in taking courses of higher education.

One thing which would be of great value would be a small cottage near each school as a ''practice cottage.'' In this, a matron and a number of children, both boys and girls, in turn, might live as they would in their own homes. This would give a truer outline of the life they must live afterwards than is experienced in the bigger institutions.

We need much follow-up work. When the pupils graduate from the schools there is far too little care to encourage them, under sometimes depressing circumstances, to continue following the ideals that they have been taught. Taking part in more enterprises in connection with the school, on the part of the boys and girls, will gradually help to develop their initiative.

The appreciation of the Indians of what has been done for them, and their loyalty to their country, was shown in the War by the large amount of patriotic contributions which were given to Red Cross, and by the fact that nearly 5,000 young men went overseas. The percentage of able-bodied men enlisting was even greater than among the whites. Many of them received decoration, the D.C.M., and other medals, sometimes with bars.

There is a much greater desire on the part of the parents to have their children attend the schools. A large number of the children and young people are becoming communicants of the churches. This is but one of the many results that we are seeing of these young people who have been given a chance to develop the best that is in them.

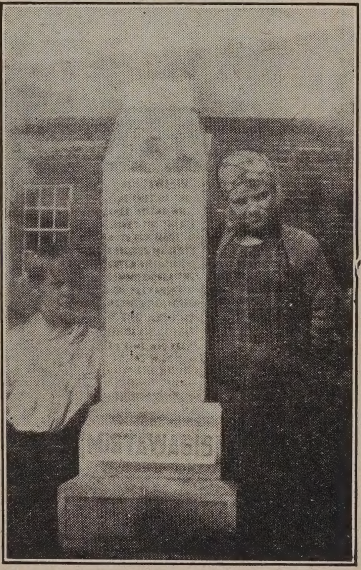
# Mistawasis

THIS ARTICLE WAS WRITTEN BY MRS. W. S. MOORE
OF THE MISTAWASIS RESERVE

*On January 5th, 1887, Mrs. Moore, who had taught for four years, was sent out from Ontario to take charge of the Indian school and mission at Portage la Prairie, Man. Later she was moved to the larger mission at Piapot's, Pasquah's and Muscowpetung's reserves, where there was a boarding school of sixty children, of which school she was given charge by the Foreign Mission Committee, while Mr. Moore had charge of the mission work on the reserves and oversight of the school.*

MISTAWASIS was the head chief of his branch of the Cree Indians and a man of exceptional ability. Rev. Dr. McKellar describes him as ''gentle as a child though resolute and determined almost to stubbornness, but withal amiable and affable in character.'' His loyalty to his country proved itself in his leading his band and three other bands with their chiefs out of touch with the rebels during the rebellion. His loyalty to his Church still lives in the love for the Presbyterian Church which characterizes all the Presbyterian people on the Mistawasis Reserve. Proof of this is seen in their ready response to the appeal of our Moderator, the Very Reverend W. G. Brown, M.A., B.D., that every member should give an additional dollar to wipe out the indebtedness of our Church.

When the Rev. James Nisbet trekked out at the call of the settlers near the forks of the Saskatchewan river and founded what is now known as Prince Albert, Chief Mistawasis moved fifty miles west with his tribe of Cree Indians and located on the land which was later given to them, now known as the Mistawasis Reserve. A few years later, due to the influence



**Mistawasis**

Head Chief of the Cree Indians who signed the treaty with her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Victoria's Commissioner, the Hon. Alexander Morris, Lt.-Governor. He died June 6th, 1896, approximate age 100 years. His name was known far and wide. Great loss was felt among his tribe.

of the Presbyterian Church, Mistawasis became a Christian, was baptized and adopted the Presbyterian faith and doctrine for himself and his band. He asked that a Presbyterian missionary be sent to instruct and take charge of the spiritual interests of his people and the reserve.

In answer to this call, Rev. James Nisbet ordained his interpreter, Mr. John McKay, a capable, well educated man, and sent him to Mistawasis as the first missionary on the reserve, and the historic old building, the scene of many an Indian Council, which stands to-day and in which services are still held, was built.

Shortly after, when the rebellion broke out, Mistawasis took his band away up north out of the way of troublemakers. But it was not long before they were back again, to find, to the great grief of Chief Mistawasis, that his much prized church, books and documents had been destroyed. Only recently has it been possible to get the ratification of the promise of eighty acres made to the Presbyterian Church Mission, as very few of the people who know anything definite about Church affairs in those long ago days are now living.

Rev. Wm. Moore (left back row) and children at Improved Day School, Mistawasis

After the death of Mr. McKay, Rev. Mr. Nicol was appointed, but a few months later his wife died. She was greatly beloved by the people and Mr. Nicol, feeling too lonely to continue there alone, withdrew. Rev. Mr. Lewis was then sent out but had to resign on account of his wife's health. Rev. W. S. Moore, after a successful work among the heathen Indians near Regina, was sent to take charge of the Indian Mission at Mistawasis, and his energy and vision immediately began to exert an influence not only on the Indians but also on the incoming settlers who were beginning to find homes for themselves in this new country. Among these he established a great number of preaching stations. The first boarding school was started by Mr. Moore and myself, I acting in the capacity of matron and teacher. Mr. Moore brought into our home and school many children from among the white settlers to whom he ministered, thus giving them the opportunity of being taught to read and write.

Looking back to our first days on this reserve, thirty years ago, and comparing them with the present I realize how great has been the progress along social and cultural lines. The young men and women are the products of the many schools erected and maintained for their education and will, I believe, soon take their places very creditably in the affairs of the band.

As to their progress along spiritual lines, I must say that the task of the missionary of to-day is greater than it was in the early years. Then it was a matter of leading and instructing them in the way of Christian life and morals and, as they came into comparatively little contact with the world outside the reserve, and, as the Indians are inherently religious, the task was easier.

In their heathen state they acknowledge two spiritual beings—Kichemunito (God) the almighty being—Muchemunito (satan, the devil) the source of all evil. They pray to God, He being the source of all power and good, but appease by gifts the evil one lest he trouble them overmuch, and diligently perform their spiritual duties as they understand them. As a consequence, when they learn of Jesus and what He is and does for the human race, it can easily be inferred that the task of leading them into the Christian faith is not a difficult one. But, as time goes by, and they come into contact with white people who are not religious and whose dealings and conduct are not governed by Christian principles, they too relax and often fall into habits out of which it becomes the problem of the missionaries to lead them.

The true worth of the Indian has been manifested in many ways. When the great call to arms came in 1914 many on this reserve responded. Some came home, many of whom have since died; a number of others lie on the other side.

In 1925, when the great break in our Church came as a result of Church Union, our Indians remained true to their Church, for they glory in the traditions of their beloved Presbyterian Church.

To-day they have many church and athletic organizations here and they certainly show fine executive ability. In December, the young people's organization held a social evening to raise a few dollars to put on a Christmas programme. It was remarkable how well they arranged and conducted it, indeed several of their friends from nearby towns among the white people were pleased to accept their invitation. The people are poor as yet, and the older people are very poor and needy, as they have never been able to adapt themselves to farming. If we can carry on for a few more years laboring patiently amongst these people, I feel that we will have the reserve in the west which will give bigger and better returns than any of the others, notwithstanding all that the Church has done for them. We have to remember that thirty years ago when we wanted to go for our groceries we were obliged to drive 60 miles in a horse-drawn conveyance which took at least two days. To-day, railways surround the reserve and some years ago a large slice was cut off and sold. This is being taken care of by the Government and, in time, should make the Indians much better off if handled solely with a view to their best interests.

## Thank-Offering Hymn

***By LEREINE BALLANTYNE***

*Tune: O Love, That Will Not Let Me Go.*

FOR all the blessings I have known,
For favors poured within my hand,
For guidance in life's devious way,
With prayers of thankfulness to-day
Before Thee Lord, I stand.

Oh take me, lead me to the heights,
For I would climb to do Thy will;
Oh let me reach across the world,
With love-thoughts in my heart unfurled,
And prayers for guidance still.

Oh fill me with a fine desire
To share the love Thou gavest men;
To send Thy story on each tide,
Till all shall know it far and wide,
And peace shall reign again.

# Facing the Missionary Problems of Our Age

THE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S BOARDS AND THE FOREIGN MISSIONS CONFERENCE SUMMARY

BY LEREINE BALLANTYNE

"LAUNCH Out into the Deep'' was the theme woven through the programme of the Federation of Women's Boards of Foreign Missions of North America, which met in Bronxville, N.Y., January 9th to 11th. The first session opened with prayer by our own President, Mrs. Daniel Strachan. Its earnest petitions set the keynote of spiritual simplicity for the deliberations which followed.

Dr. Daniel Fleming spoke strongly on the spirit of change that is abroad, and challenged the women of the world to meet it with a spirit of fearless truth. Any institution, he claimed, must be ready to reshape its plans and methods, so long as it does not change its purpose and its goal. Our aims for Christian world citizenship are magnificently large, but we have been too static—let us catch up with them.

Dr. J. H. Franklin, Dr. A. L. Warnshuis, and missionaries from India, China, Japan, Burma and the Philippines contributed to the programme which featured open forum discussion. This brought out the very core of methods and problems pertaining to the work in which all attending were vitally interested.

The need of Christian literature in all languages was especially stressed, and the hope for missionaries to study even more closely the needs of their people, in the necessity of building up the native church toward an indigenous maintenance in the countries of the world.

### The Foreign Missions Conference of North America

Going from the Federation of Women's Boards to the Foreign Missions Conference, which met in First Presbyterian Church, Atlantic City, one was again impressed by the heart-searching eagerness of missionary leaders to seek the needs of the day, and work toward them.

Dr. Buck, in an able address, claimed that the most serious issue facing us, is that the youth of to-day has not seen the world mission in its true sense, but he believes the Reality of great personalities based on CHRIST at the centre of all things, would convince them. It is a challenge to live the Christian life and show its worth in self-control, health, joy and divine love. He also believes women could set a flame that would sweep the entire world, and make it safe for little children.

Dr. T. Z. Koo, of China, challenged the spiritual implications of Christian issues to-day, and asked the churches to tackle some of the great problems of life, such as Kagawa has, in his work. He stressed the difference between communism and Christianity. The communist on the one side has: fire; passion; conviction that his cause is right; the courage to sacrifice even his life.

The Church has: little fire, little conviction that would face sacrifice, and little power, beyond what money buys. He believes because we have won our religious freedom we have passed our crusade, while only the missionary workers are ready to tackle the crusade of the whole world.

Professor Jabavu, of Africa, believes much of our present confusion in life is due to the departure of intensive prayer from the lives of people. Man is so sure of himself, he is getting away from humble and rooted faith. He is putting more trust in government tariffs than the good will of missionary work.

Dr. Leopold, of the Madras College, India, in pleading for more missionaries, with specialized training to lend the leadership to the peoples of other countries that is being sought to-day, urged sending those of a loving heart, and sympathetic sureness of conviction—above all things, conviction to live as Christ would have them live.

It would be impossible to condense all these highlights of such far reaching importance, and, in the space allotted, to record enough to convey the overwhelming inspiration of such a gathering. Messages came from all over the world, illustrating the sincere searching for brotherhood and peace that is being promoted in the Christian circles to-day.

Out of a great deal of constructive discussion and frank questioning of methods, practices and objectives there emerged these salient findings:

1. As a whole boards will sacrifice precedent if necessary for progress.

2. They are prepared to take the pulse of the younger generation, and attune their appeals to it.

3. They are prepared to launch out with a new faith and adventure in the cause of such larger issues as: world peace; world citizenship on more humane lines; more friendly international relations; more responsibility to rest on native churches; missionaries from our younger generation to go out with better preparation for their work, and with the zeal of those who have gone in the past.

One felt that the personnel of our own missionaries measured up to the type asked for from various fields in a way that should make every member of our Society feel proud. The challenges that were voiced are not too far removed from the sphere of women's influence, and much educational work may be done by every member who will make herself conversant with the needs of to-day. All in all it is good to catch the larger vision of our missionary work, so that our motto, ''The world for Christ'' may be realized upon strong and sure foundations.

# Indian Version of the 23rd Psalm

**As Translated from Indian Sign Language**

THE Great Father above a Shepherd Chief is, I am His, and with Him I want not.

He throws out to me a rope, and the name of the rope is Love, and He draws me, and He draws me, and He draws me to where the grass is green and the water not dangerous, and I eat and lie down satisfied.

Sometimes my heart is very weak and falls down, but He lifts it up again and draws me into a good road. His name is wonderful.

Sometime, it may be very soon, it may be longer, it may be long, long time, He will draw me into a place between mountains. It is dark there, but I'll draw back not, I'll be afraid not, for it is there between those mountains that the Shepherd Chief will meet me, and the hunger I have felt in my heart all through this life will be satisfied. Sometimes He makes the love rope into a whip, but afterwards He gives me a staff to lean on.

He spreads a table before me with all kinds of food. He puts His hand upon my head and all the ''tired'' is gone. My cup He fills till it runs over.

What I tell you is true. I lie not. These roads that are ''away ahead'' will stay with me through this life, and afterward I will go to live in the ''Big Tepee'' and sit down with the Shepherd Chief forever.

*—Missionary Review of the World.*

# Students

SMALLER than Des Moines or Detroit, yet the Eleventh Quadrennial Convention of the Student Volunteer Movement was perhaps more finely planned, more truly centered, and greater than these. Not so direct was the focus on the problems of the unChristianized areas the world over. Centered on the theme ''The Living Christ in the World of To-day'' the perspective was more true and more spiritual. The 2,200 students from colleges all over America, included 276 from Canada. Led by such compelling personalities as Drs. Earnest Tittle, Walter Judd, T. Z. Koo, Prof. Jabavu, Drs. Mott, Speer, and others, all got a glimpse of heroic attempts of individuals to make an impact on a chaos of indifference or hate, by the Way of Love, and of what it would mean to give religion its true place in the whole life of the human race. No one left Buffalo as they came. Such Pisgah-like vision of what a world of to-morrow might be helped to become, called each to a more earnest Christian living, and to devotion of life and effort toward a creative inauguration of a new God-centered era for all the world. Each returned to home or campus resolved to further such a purpose. When youth sets itself such a task, the coming years will see much fruit.—*Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, graduate Toronto University, representative of our W.M.S.*

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Uncertainty, depression and repression: chaos, poverty and war! In these indigo terms was the world of to-day pictured by men of wide experience and God directed thought. To treat the ache of race conflict by legislature, to attempt to clear the sloughing sore of war by disarmament is to use symptomatic treatment which relieves temporarily but does not cure. The leaders at Buffalo have demonstrated that the specific cure of this situation, as of many others, is the Way of Love. T. Z. Koo puts it, ''Unity at the highest point is to be sought for at the Throne of God.''—*E. D. Winchester, Medicine '32, University of Toronto.*

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The Student Volunteer Movement Convention did not achieve any immediate action on the part of the students as a whole, but it made them begin to ponder over the problems which are now confronting the world. Miss Marie Kim, of Korea, in her analysis of the situation in her country, impressed me very much for, when a student can experience the trials that she has, and still be a Christian and a servant of her people, surely our cause is a worthy one. In summing up my impressions I believe, like many other students, that it is the love of Christ which offers the only real solution of the world's difficulties.—*Gladys Simmins, Arts '32, Queen's University.*

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The Buffalo Convention made one feel big. It aroused a feeling that each one of us is part of a great whole and that the little things we are doing every day in a small way are being multiplied many times by the fact that they are universal. We at home do well to remember with Dr. John R. Mott that it is an idle dream to have missionaries only as Christians and set them aside in a separate compartment—we need Christians among business men, among engineers, among teachers and in the homes.—*Elizabeth Baird, Arts '32, University of New Brunswick.*

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Missions always appealed to me as a romantic adventure, but the thought of missions as an actual *living* enterprise first came to me at Buffalo. Doubtless it was the vivid presentation of the missionary's life—the problems he faces, the loneliness he endures, the practical methods he employs, that produced this new viewpoint. I think of missions now not only as a personal sacrifice on the part of the individual missionary, but as a great contribution to the solution of many world problems.—*Mary Hill, Arts '32, McGill University.*

I realized as never before the tremendous value of missionary work. The problems of missions and of peace became our own personal problems and we realized that youth in every nation has the same aspirations and emotions. The addresses were extremely inspirational and illuminating. The play and pageant were magnificent, the watchnight service most impressive, and the choir music added beauty and reverence. I came away convinced of the ability and earnestness of the youth of to-day.—*Margaret R. McKellar, Arts '33, University of Toronto.*

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When we left our respective colleges for the S.V.M. Convention we had no idea what was ahead of us. But we came away feeling that in those four brief days we had received an intangible something which would influence our whole life. We experienced an intellectual awakening, we were taken out of the petty circle of our university life and made to see the world as a whole, nations and people struggling under the same burdens, which they seemed to find almost too heavy to bear. But deeper than this was a spiritual awakening which stirred our very hearts and souls.—*Margaret C. Leggat, Arts '32, University of Manitoba.*

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To be thinking intensely, and sharing the ideas and ideals of over two thousand students, of different races, living in different environments, and finding them to be much the same, is a wonderful experience. To be in contact with leaders, men who think in world terms, their knowledge backed by experience, and yet seeming to be a development of one's own personal ideals, is an even greater experience. All this we found at the Buffalo Convention. There, in what vividly showed us the possibility of an entirely Christian community, we lived in a small world of our own, in a Fellowship of Ideas and Ideals.—*Margery W. MacKenzie, Arts' 35, University of Alberta.*

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My expectations were fulfilled and my hopes realized yet there was something happened on which I had not counted. That "something" was within me. Dr. Judd, whose address inspired me more than any other, intimated that if he had several lives to live he would like nothing better than to experiment with them, but as he had only one, he had to live it in the way that it would count for most. Having seen, through the eyes of Kirby Page, the awful chaos of a world which persists in rejecting the teachings of Christ, I was forced to ask the question, "What shall I do with my life?"—*Isabell M. Sinclair, Arts '33, Victoria College, University of Toronto.*

# Sophy

MISS LILY A. SIMPSON

SOPHY is one of the hospital nurses at Jhansi. She looks on the Canadian Presbyterian Mission here as her home and Gracebai as her dearest friend. Sophy nursed Dr. Wilkie when he was so sick and Dr. Wilkie thought there was no one like her.

When Sophy was a little girl of seven she went to live with an aunt and uncle in a little village some forty miles from Jubblepore. Her mother and father were both dead and her aunt and uncle were not any too good to her.

In the same village there were four other little girls about the same age. These girls were together a good deal and used to go to the religious festivals together, and once when they were at one of these festivals, they discussed the worshipping of idols. Some of them had little clay toys, dolls, etc., and they saw that the idols that were being worshipped were of clay also and they began to say to each other, ''We might just as well be worshipping our dolls as these idols. There isn't life in either the idols or the dolls.'' They couldn't see what good they were going to get out of worshipping them so they decided that from then on they would not worship them any longer, and furthermore, they decided to start out in search of the real God. They knew there must be a real God somewhere and they decided that the sun was the real God, and they started to go after the sun. Most of these girls had lost either mother or father. Sophy was the only one who had lost both parents. These girls had never even heard the Gospel nor seen a white person. They all made plans to run away from home so they gathered what food they could get and then one day they started out to look for God. They walked all day long and when night came they slept under a tree.

Finally they arrived in Jubblepore, and a policeman caught them and wanted to know where they came from and where they were going. They said they were looking for God. The policeman must have been interested in the Gospel himself for he said, ''Come with me and I will take you to where you can find God,'' and he took them to a mission school. When they arrived there they were very frightened, they hid their faces from the Miss Sahib for they had never seen anyone like her with her white skin and peculiar clothes.

They said, ''We won't stay here, we want to find God,'' but the Miss Sahib spoke very kindly to them and told them if they would stay there they would find God. The girls in the school came to them and talked to them, they were given good food and a clean sari. They did not like the idea of their own clothes, scant and dirty though they were, being taken from them. They felt very strange and were not at all sure that they liked this place, but the Miss Sahib had promised that they would find God here, so they stayed.

At first they did not understand a thing, at prayers, even the language the school children spoke was a little different to theirs and they found it very difficult to understand what was being said. After a few days two of the five girls ran away but Sophy told the matron and they were brought back. Gradually they became happy in their new home and they studied and found out all about Jesus and some time later were baptized.

Since then two of the five girls have died, but Sophy keeps in touch with the other two. One is married and the other is matron of a girls' hostel. Sophy herself has charge of a dispensary at Chirgaon, which is run by the hospital. She is just the girl to have there, she is so motherly and the Chirgaon people all love her and will do almost anything for her. She has a keen sense of humor and wherever Sophy is you will find lots of laughter and fun, but she is a good worker and knows when it is time for work and when it is time for fun.

I thought it was very interesting to think of these girls brought to Christ in this way. I have not seen the other girls but I do know that Sophy is a real true Christian and she is doing a great missionary work in Chirgaon, not only as a nurse but in preaching the Gospel, and the doctors have great faith in her. This story is as she told it to me.

## A MISSIONARY DOCTOR

Dr. Margaret Strang on her charger ready for the road.

*Dr. Margaret Strang is doing a work of inestimable value, not only as a doctor, but as a Christian missionary on the frontier. She conducts a service and Sunday School each Sunday and has also organized a Ladies' Aid. "The Church made no mistake in sending Dr. Strang to Dixonville, Alta., and surrounding districts."*

# Parcels for India

THE general policy of our Society, for years, has been not to send supplies overseas. There are two reasons for this decision.

1. Many things can be purchased from Bombay by catalogue as cheaply and more quickly than they can be purchased in Canada.

2. There is a heavy duty on certain articles. This duty the missionaries, in many cases, have to meet out of their own pockets.

Last year in a moment of weakness we made an appeal for shirts for the little children in the ''M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home'' and from all parts of Canada they came. It has been a splendid thing because it interested the children. But the need is now over and we would urge the leaders to direct the thoughts of the little folks to the children at home who require their help.

Being anxious to have accurate information about sending parcels to India before making a statement, a letter was written to Miss Robson, and the following is her reply:

1. ''There is duty to pay on parcels when the senders put a market value on the customs' declaration, but if they would declare them as 'for charitable purposes—no commercial value' little stocking shirts which are made from used articles would come in free of duty.

2. ''For new material, or things made from new material, the actual value must be declared, but no value should be put on the work of making, as the missionaries pay duty according to the value set by the sender.

3. ''The missionaries appreciate to the full everything that is done. Quilts made by the children for the Nursing Home we find most useful, but such things as can be bought, like blankets and ready made garments, can be purchased here and postage and duty saved, so that the money spent for them could be spent to better advantage.

4. ''When not possible to send parcels with outgoing missionaries, they should be sent by mail via Vancouver, as the postage rate via the Orient is only half what it is via England. But remember, they take twice as long to come and be patient and wait for letters of acknowledgement. Parcels are seldom lost if carefully wrapped and clearly addressed.

5. ''Freight shipments should be discouraged altogether on account of carriage charges and the difficulty involved in clearing them at the ports of entry.''

This information applies to Christmas gifts and in fact to anything sent to India, and should be copied and kept for future reference.

We appeal to all leaders of Bands and Groups to give heed to what Miss Robson says, and to exercise every care in the sending of things, that our missionaries and Bands may not be put to unnecessary expense.

—*Editor.*

# Books Old and New

By Lereine Ballantyne

THIS season has started off with the most promising enthusiasm in the Literature department. Orders have poured in—not always for expensive books, but for helpful and informative stories of our work. It is a healthy sign. Though many of us have not the amount of money to spend liberally, as we have had in other years, at least our women are not shutting themselves off from knowledge.

Auxiliaries and many branches of the work, are planning to include a Missionary Book Shelf in their year's expense fund budget, and those who have established one, are ordering new additions. With the interest of the world centering on the Orient, it is good that the women of Canada should know the conditions existing in the east, and should be conversant with the people of the world and their problems. Write at any time for a list of study books for your Auxiliary, or for your Reading Circle.

## THREE INTERESTING BOOKS

INDIA AND HER PEOPLES, by Deaville Walker. CHINA AND HER PEOPLES, by L. E. Johnston. JAPAN AND HER PEOPLES, by Ethel M. Hughes. Three splendid study guides on the people and customs of these three countries. Price each 60c. per copy.

A VOICE FROM UKRAINIA contains the biographical sketch and translations from the works of Ivan Franko, the Ukrainian poet, compiled and translated by Rev. Percival Cundy, of Manitoba. Mr. Cundy is one of our own Presbyterian ministers, and the little book is a valuable contribution to Literature, for all who are interested in the background of these newcomers to Canada. Nicely bound in paper, price per copy 50c.

STEWARDSHIP IN THE LIFE OF WOMEN, by Helen Kingsbury Wallace, is one of the new delightful books for women, that everyone will want to read. Price 60c. in paper.

NEW LIFE THROUGH GOD, by Kagawa, is to-day selling in Japan by the thousands. This great Japanese Christian sees new life, new morale and a new society, through God. It is simply and beautifully written, and is one of the finest products of an Oriental Christian mind that could come to us. Price per copy $1.75.

New leaflets for Easter on Stewardship and the spring thought of God's promises fulfilled are available, and also a new Study Guide for Young Women is being prepared, which we expect to have ready the first of March. This will sell at 10c. per copy, and we are sure it will be interesting to our Young Women's Auxiliaries.

**It is impossible to list all we should like to present but we are glad to have you write for lists to assist your studies and programmes.**

# A Prayer for China, Japan and Korea

*The following prayer was suggested by S. C. Leung, a Chinese Y.M.C.A. Secretary, for use in connection with the programme of the World Day of Prayer which calls for prayer for China, Japan and Korea as a group of neighborhood countries. The tension of feeling as between the countries seemed to call for some guide to Christian prayer for each other.*

"O GOD our Father, teach us to pray at this time for our countries, China, Korea and Japan, for our statesmen and soldiers and people, for all who have control of policy and for all who are leaders in the making of public opinion. Grant a new spirit in us men that in the midst of these national exasperations our search for the truth may be more earnest than our desire to guard our rights or establish our national prestige. Give unto us a greater reverence for facts and a greater horror of lies and misleading propaganda; and so stir up in us the spirit of our Saviour that each may see clearly in his neighbor and enemy what it is which makest Thy love to abound towards him.

We confess our sins as a nation and as a society. We have had the pride which claimed much from others and was less concerned with its moral weakness. We have not set first things first, but rather would have all things added unto us now; and then we have deceived ourselves that there was a rule of God's righteousness in our hearts. Strengthen in us, All-Father, the sincerity of our penitence, and help us to be true to Thee and Thy laws as we would be faithful to our dear country and her great traditions.

Grant unto us peace in our time, not the peace of the arrogant, who have crushed down all opposition to their wishes, not the peace of cunning politicians who have lied their way to any empty success, not the peace of slaves who have lost their souls; but the peace of free men who have cleansed their hearts by honest requital for wrongs they have done and who seek to build Thy Kingdom of love and righteousness with labor and sacrifice and brotherly co-operation between men and states. And this we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

## Easter

"Out of the dusk a shadow,
Then, a spark;
Out of the cloud a silence,
Then, a lark;
Out of the heart a rapture,
Then, a pain;
Out of the dead, cold ashes,
Life again."

# WITH THE AUXILIARIES

## CAN YOU TELL?

1. What are the enemies of to-day?
2. Is loyalty an Indian trait?
3. What denomination was a pioneer in Indian work?
4. What are the missionary problems of our age?
5. Had we a balance or a deficit this year?
6. Should we send supplies overseas?
7. What Indian girl won distinction?
8. What do you know about Indian tribal arts?

### Answers

1. Page 81; 2. Page 93; 3. Page 90; 4. Page 97; 5. Page 87; 6. Page 104; 7. Page 109; 8. Page 83.

# YOUNG WOMEN

## How Would You Spend a Legacy?

SUPPOSING you had $500 left to you as a legacy, to be spent in missionary work, how would you spend it?

This discussion could take the form of national needs and overseas needs, and would prove which work makes the greater appeal to the individual.

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## Debate

Is a young woman, well informed on the missionary problems of world citizenship, better equipped to be a good mother, than one only interested in local social activities?

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## Speaking of Manchuria

All eyes are on China and her terrific struggle with Japan. Our interest as young women is centered largely in Manchuria. Have you studied chapter V of ''The Tide of Opportunity''? On page 47 there is an urgent appeal from the Church in China for prayer and co-operation in the Christian movement. Surely the appeals outlined are dear to the hearts of young women who would see the conditions of their sisters across the sea improved and their opportunities for service enlarged. Also read the Manifesto if you would know the attitude of the Chinese churches towards the churches of the western world.

### A Line from Pouce Coupe

''The whole country was perfectly beautiful, the frost and snow was about two inches deep on all the trees. I wanted to get a picture of it, but the sun did not shine all week, except for a little bit just as it was time to set. It chinooked yesterday afternoon and was quite warm, but last night it was terribly cold again. It can go from thirty below to thirty above in the space of a couple of hours and it can drop quite as quickly. We had a very good meeting of our Riverside Church Circle yesterday. I had the devotions and then we planned an anniversary supper. The women are all very much interested and enjoy their meetings. They are still making over things that came in the boxes.''

(This interesting paragraph comes from Miss Hazel MacDonald, our Frontier Deaconess.)

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### An Easter Thought

Sacrifice is the keynote of Easter; sacrifice for our ideals followed by the joy of the triumphant morning when death itself has been overcome. Let us sacrifice this year as never before and let us overcome obstacles in the way of our work so that the end of 1932 shall find us triumphant in accomplishment.

''I wonder—if Christ were here to-day
In person, as we are, face to face,
Could I place in His hand this offering,
And say, 'It was all I had to bring,
To spread Thy work of redeeming grace'?''

''I wonder! For Christ *is* here to-day,
And no heart-motive is hid from Him.
Can it be that He finds me hesitate
To sacrifice for a cause so great
*It was worth a cross to Him?''*—Selected.

## GIRLS AND LEADERS

A RISEN Christ and the assurance that ''He goeth before'' was the Easter message which came to Mary and the other woman who visited Christ's sepulchre very early in the morning the first day of the week. In connecting this Easter message with the study of the First Canadians, consider what that promise involves. ''Going before'' means a guide, a trailmaker, who knows well the perils and hardships of the way. Single file is the line of march through the intricate forest of life and each one carries an individual burden. Consequently, everything depends upon the right leader.

In the Boarding Schools about which you have learned in ''Council Fires'' the Indian girls and boys are being prepared to make their way in life. As you look at the class of girls pictured below, you may wonder how they will measure up to their responsibilities when they leave school. Don't you think that the Easter message will make them more confident about setting forth?

Just to show how far an Indian girl can advance, the example is given of a girl of the Cherokee race, Ruth Muskrat, from the Spavinan Hills in Oklahoma. She was a graduate of a similar mission school in the United States and through the efforts of the Board of National Missions, secured a scholarship in Mount Holyoke College, Holyoke, Massachusetts. In 1922, Miss Muskrat represented the Indian students of her country at the meeting of the World Student Christian Federation in Peking, China. Later she won the $1,000 prize offered to the graduate of 1925 class from Mount Holyoke who, during the first year out of college, had done the most in passing on to others the benefit of education. Her service was rendered to her own people as a teacher and later principal of an Indian school.

Girls at Birtle Indian Residential School

Yet another honor was hers, as, on behalf of the Indian students, she presented to President Coolidge, in the presence of the Committee of One Hundred on Indian Affairs, a beautifully bound copy of the Red Man in the United States, by G. E. E. Lindquist. During the luncheon which followed in the White House, she discussed with the President the conditions among her people.

In the booklet, ''The Heritage of the American Indian Girl,'' Ruth Muskrat* points out how the old days of the Indian have passed when the girls of the race were provided with a system of education suited to their capacity as home-makers and home-builders. To meet the new conditions, what is their heritage other than poverty, disease and lack of opportunity? The following extract concludes her plea:

''When we ask for education, and the white man's civilization, it does not mean that we, who are the younger Indians of today, wish to give up everything that would connect us with our past heritage. For we are proud of our ancient race; we are proud of our old traditions, and our old leaders; and we would keep that which is best in our own civilization, to blend it in with the best we find in civilization around us. There is much in our old civilization that is good, that is beautiful. That we would hold fast . . . We believe that God meant for every race of mankind to make some definite contribution to the coming of His Kingdom, else why did He place us here? But we know that it is only through our knowledge of His Son and the ideals and truth He taught that we can make our contribution. Are we to be given the opportunity to know Him?''

Leaders, get your group to discuss the Heritage of the Canadian Indian Girl. Read selections from Longfellow's Song of Hiawatha to illustrate the old Indian days, from Pauline Johnson, the new. Compare Ruth Muskrat with Pauline Johnson. See editorial page 83 concerning the exposition of Indian tribal art. Also note page 99 the Indian rendering of the Twenty-third Psalm.

Lantern Slides for ''Council Fires'' now ready! Make reservations with your Provincial Lantern Slide Secretary.

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* Now Mrs. Ruth Muskrat Bronson.

# MISSION BANDS

## A Day at the ''Cecilia Jeffrey'' Indian Residential School

MISS MARGARET JAMIESON

**PROMPTLY at 6.30 o'clock** the rising bell is rung. This marks the beginning of a new day among the Indian boys and girls. The Supervisor opens the four dormitories where 130 eager, happy, and fully dressed boys and girls are waiting. In five minutes every boy and girl is downstairs. All the beds are made and rolled back to air. The children go downstairs to wash and get ready for breakfast. The older boys have the horses and cattle to feed and the cows to milk. Eight girls are appointed to set the tables.

7.20.—First breakfast bell rings, which means get ready. The girls put the plates on the tables and pour out the milk.

7.30.—Breakfast bell rings and the boys and girls march into the dining room for breakfast of hot porridge, milk, bread and jam. After breakfast each boy and girl is given a spoonful of cod liver oil. Many of them like it and ask for more. Then the staff are summoned, and Mr. Byers conducts worship in the children's dining room. Worship consists of scripture reading and a prayer of thanks for our Heavenly Father's care and a petition for guidance during the day. Here, also, reports are given of the children's bed making efforts and the names are announced of any whose beds do not pass inspection. After grace has been said the children return to the dormitories to make up their beds for the day. Every room and corridor in the school must be swept every day, so one or two boys or girls are appointed to a certain place. When they have completed their sweeping or dusting, they report to the member of staff who supervises that department. Many sighs and groans accompany the repeating of unsatisfactory work.

9.—School bell rings and the boys and girls go to their classrooms which are the same as in any school—a blackboard at the front, pictures on the walls and rows of desks for the pupils. The pupils learn reading, writing, arithmetic, and other necessary subjects. Many of the boys and girls have to learn English also. Some find it very difficult, others learn very quickly. Just imagine yourself in a school where everything is strange and people talking to you in a strange language. Wouldn't you find it difficult too?

11.45.—School is dismissed for dinner.

1.30.—School bell rings once more. The boys and girls again begin their studies and struggles with the English language. In the afternoon the older girls go to sewing class, where the children's clothes are mended and darned. Most of the senior pupils are out of school half a day, some of the girls working in the laundry, some in the kitchen, and some in the sewing room. The boys spend their time outside, doing the many things necessary on the farm.

4.—All are free until 5, when a bell rings saying to the girls, ''come in'' and to the boys, ''go to work'' for evening chores must be done.

6.—Supper bell rings and once more the hungry boys and girls are fed. After supper the four dishwashers wash the endless pile of cups and saucers, plates and spoons for the third time that day. Two girls wash the tables which always seem harder after supper, because they are so tired of seeing that line of table tops. ''Why do floors get dirty'' girls wonder, who must sweep up the never failing pile of crumbs which always seem to find their way to the floor.

7.—Another bell is heard, this time it means chapel. One member of staff supervises the boys and another the girls, in lining up for chapel and going to the dormitories afterward. Mr. Byers conducts chapel, which consists of singing, scripture reading, prayers and a short talk. In the dormitories all kneel to say their prayers and then to bed. Every night there is a race to see what band can be in bed first.

Soon all is quiet for the night, except for the soft pad of the kitten or dog going along the corridors. The lights in the other parts of the school go out one by one and even the dog and kitten find a corner for the night.

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Saturday means no school. The senior boys and girls do the scrubbing of the stairs and corridors which always get dirty. Instead of a school bell a bathing bell rings. Every boy and girl is given a bundle of clean clothes and a bath towel. After they have had their bath and put on their clean clothes. they roll up their dirty clothes and the supervisor marks down in her book what each one is sending to the laundry. After bathing all are free to play and enjoy themselves until 5 o'clock bell rings.

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Sunday is as quiet a day as possible with so many lively boys and girls. At 11 a chapel service is held and at 3 Sunday School. The older boys and girls teach the classes. How interested those tiny tots seem! They sit so quiet, their bright eyes, usually so full of mischief, now very serious and never leaving their teacher's face. Chapel in the evening finishes Sunday, at our school, and all go to bed tired but happy ready to begin a new week of work and play.

# Rally Day Programme

MRS. J. W. DILL

*Hymn*—781 ''Brightly Gleams Our Banner''.
*Bible Lesson*—Jonathan saves David, I Samuel XIX: 1-7 (repeat in unison)
*Prayer*—For our missionaries—the Leader.
*Motto*—''Ever keep the end in view
    We will follow Jesus.''
*Rally Song*—790 ''Around the Throne of God''.
*Psalm* 8 (memorize and repeat in unison).
*Prayer* (also in unison).
    God bless the missionaries all over the world and
    the little children in every land for Jesus' sake. Amen.
*Part Song*—723 ''Birds Are Singing'' (solo and chorus).
*Address.*
*Offering.*
*Prayer*—''Jesus Saviour, Loving King,
    Bless each little gift we bring;
    They are very small we know,
    But our loving hearts they show.''—From our study book.
*Closing Hymn*—''Missionary Bells'' (from our study book, page 7.)
*Mizpah Benediction.*

# OUR LETTER BOX

### Little Hearts Made Glad

THE children's party took a different form this year. Owing to the extreme weather, 40° below zero, we had to abandon the sleigh drive for the time being and make a house party out of it.

Previous to the evening of the party I invited the children over after their final rehearsal of the school concert and presented the gifts so kindly sent by so many members of the Mission Bands, and they were all delighted, especially with the prospect of the party. I invited them from seven to nine. It was a beautiful moonlight night, but bitterly cold. First of all they had a programme prepared for the occasion and they got up and recited their pieces and sang and enjoyed themselves to the full. After that they indulged in several games and sang choruses and then the best part of all—had refreshments. There is no other time in which they have this latter treat, so you can imagine how they look forward to it.

I must take this opportunity of thanking so many of the leaders of the Mission Bands who remembered the children here so generously this year. We did not expect it, as we knew there must be many calls for help. However, we appreciate it all the more, and you made the little hearts glad, and they showed their appreciation by their happy countenances. Thank you one and all and a Happy New Year.—*Olive Ross, Ft. McMurray*

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### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

### Provincial Annual Meetings

**Alberta.—Grace Church, Calgary, March 29th–30th.**
**British Columbia.—Central Church, Vancouver, February 23rd–24th.**
**Manitoba.—Brandon, March 30th–31st.**
**Ontario.—St. Paul's Church, Peterborough, April 19th–21st.**
**Quebec.—First Presbyterian Church, Montreal, April 19th.**
**Saskatchewan.—Enlarged Board Meeting, February 16th.**

### Enlarged Council Executive Meeting

**Canadian School of Missions, Toronto, May 26th**

### General Assembly

**St. James' Church, London, June 1st.**

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### THANK YOU!

Thank you! thank you! is what Miss Hazel Macdonald, of Pouce Coupe, says through the *Glad Tidings* to all the kind friends who made Christmas so happy for a great many people with lovely knitted things and other useful gifts.

# PROVINCIAL NEWS

## ALBERTA

MRS. D. S. MACKENZIE, 8809, 112TH ST., EDMONTON, PRESS SECRETARY

CALGARY P.S. met in St. Andrew's Church, Innisfail, on January 15th. Delegates were present from several centres and the splendid reports submitted revealed the solid proportions which this work in the west is assuming. Officers were elected for the ensuing year and a splendid inspirational address was given by Rev. Hugh Jack, Knox Church, Red Deer.

**Edmonton P.S.** held its 18th Annual Meeting in the lecture hall of First Presbyterian Church, Edmonton, on January 28th and 29th. The President, Mrs. A. T. Kinnaird, presided.

Mrs. D. G. McQueen was the speaker at the special programme which followed the regular meeting of the W.M.S. in First Presbyterian Church, Edmonton, January 21st. ''Extension of Thy Kingdom Through Faith and Sacrifice,'' was the topic dealt with by the speaker. Parts of an address given by the late Dr. James Robertson, Superintendent of Missions, at the General Assembly in London, Ontario, were read. There was a fine attendance.

**Macleod P.S.**—Mrs. Blackbourne, Press Secretary, writes that the Lethbridge Auxiliary has presented its third Life Membership and also has met its allocation.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. D. A. FOWLIE, 501 WINNIPEG ST., PENTICTON, PRESS SECRETARY

THE annual meeting of Victoria Presbyterial was held in January. The reports all sounded a note of progress. There was a good attendance and much interest was shown in the work.

Westminster Presbyterial annual meeting took place, January 22nd, in Central Church, Vancouver. A luncheon, at 12.30, was followed by business. One of the main items was the submitting of reports by the various Secretaries.

The new study book, ''The Tide of Opportunity'' is being used by the majority of the Auxiliaries and a number report having used it at the first meeting of the year.

The 18th annual meeting of British Columbia Provincial Society took place in Vancouver the last week of February.

Miss Hermanson, a nurse en route to Formosa, was entertained and was an interesting speaker at some meetings while in Vancouver.

Mission Band reports show great enthusiasm in the work, great things have been accomplished during the past year. One Band, the Maple Leaf Mission Band, of Creston, sends the following report of a meeting held recently. At their Thanksgiving meeting they had as their guests the members of the W.M.S. Each Mission Band member had chosen a missionary as a theme for an essay which was read at this meeting, the judging having been previously done by one of the W.M.S. ladies. The prize went to Helen McCreath, ten years. A short programme followed, after which refreshments were served by the members of the band. The collection was very satisfactory. A quilt and box of toys were sent at Christmas time to the Chinese Mission in Vancouver.

## MANITOBA

MRS. W. F. HOGARTH, 118 N. JOHN ST., FORT WILLIAM, ONT., PRESS SEC.

BRANDON P.S.—At the January meeting of First Presbyterian Church W.M.S., Brandon, the special prayer service, as outlined in the *Glad Tidings,* was followed, many of the members leading in prayer. Rev. C. S. Oke conducted the devotions and offered the prayer for the Church. Mrs. Colteridge was the special speaker and stressed the thought that, not in our own strength, but through faith in God, would our work extend.

At the special Christmas service in the Presbyterian Church, Melita, the members of the ''Gold Star'' Mission Band took their place on the platform and sang an offering song, following which the children and adults came to the front of the Church and laid their white gifts in a white basket placed there to receive them. The senior and junior choirs had been combined for the occasion and sang the anthem ''Bright and Joyous Morn.'' Next night at the annual Christmas entertainment of the Church, the members of both the boys' and girls' Mission Bands contributed to the programme.

## ONTARIO

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BARRIE P.S.—At the 46th anniversary of Barrie Auxiliary, Mrs. Cameron, Allandale, an early member, gave the address, and Mrs. McMartin a history of the Auxiliary. Mrs. Stevenson, a charter member, presided and cut the birthday cake. Eight Life Memberships were presented and flowers given to charter members. Thornton, with a membership of 9, reached their objective, and gave generously to the Supply Department. In Collingwood, the Day of Prayer was observed, Mrs. C. W. Maitland giving the address. Encouraging reports were received at the winter meeting of the Executive. Mrs. Maitland was the speaker.

**Guelph P.S.**—Acton Auxiliary observed the Day of Prayer with the January meeting, Rev. Mr. Bennie giving the address.

**Chatham P.S.**—The largest delegation in years and keen interest marked the annual meeting held in First Church, Chatham, January 19th. The President, Mrs. H. H. Turner, gave a stirring address. Other speakers were Mr. A. Hawtin, India, and Miss Pelton.

**Hamilton P.S.** heard encouraging reports at the annual meeting in Westminster Church, Hamilton. Special speakers were Rev. H. A. MacMillan, Formosa; Mrs. Hawtin, India; and Miss Pelton. Mrs. J. A. Milne brought greetings from the Provincial Board. Auxiliaries and Bands gave two minute reports. Hamilton Y.W. Auxiliaries presented a pageant.

**Huron P.S.**—At the annual meeting held in Clinton, January 12th, the President, Miss Jeckell, Exeter, gave an especially helpful talk to the various officers. Secretarial reports were gratifying. Allocation was exceeded.

**Lindsay P.S.**—Sessions were well attended and reports satisfactory at the annual meeting held in St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay, January 21st. It was decided to observe the 50th anniversary of the Presbyterial, at Uxbridge, with the semi-annual meeting.

**London P.S.**—The annual meeting, held in Hamilton Road Church, London, January 20th, opened with an evening session, to enable the delegates to be present for the Y.W., C.G.I.T. and M.B. programme the following evening. Mosa M.B. was awarded the banner, and Mission Band children presented a pageant. Speakers were Mr. and Mrs. Hawtin, India; Miss Jean Cowan; Mrs. W. A. McLennan.

**Paris P.S.**—Reports showing increased membership and sustained interest, with the allocation attained, were presented at the annual meeting in St. Paul's Church, Ingersoll, January 15th. Mission Bands had many perfect attendances. Mrs. J. A. Locheed, Hamilton, brought greetings from the Provincial Board, and Miss Aird spoke on work in British Guiana.

**Peterborough P.S.** Annual Meeting was held at St. Paul's Church, Port Hope, with a good attendance. Three Honorary Memberships were presented. Mrs. J. Williams, Toronto, gave an address. Mrs. D. Ewart, Cobourg, is the new President.

**Toronto P.S.** Annual Meeting convened in Rogers Church, January 28th and 29th. Secretarial reports were encouraging, and were illustrated by charts depicting the most vital point in each department. Addresses were delivered by Miss Pelton; Miss M. Murray; Miss Aird, British Guiana; Rev. D. I. Jeffrey, Fr. Indo China; Rev. G. M. Dunn; Mrs. J. Hilts and Mrs. J. G. Inkster, the President. The Y.W.A. and C.G.I.T. of Glenview Church, assisted by Miss L. Dickman and her Mission Band from the Chinese Institute, presented a pageant.

**Ottawa P.S.**—Increased membership in every branch, especially in Y.W. Auxiliaries and Mission Bands, was reported at the annual meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, January 26th and 27th. The meetings held by Miss Pelton were most helpful as were also excellent Auxiliary programmes, and the six sectional meetings. The givings exceeded that of last year. Mrs. W. A. McLennan, Mr. Hawtin and Miss Hugill gave addresses.

### In Memoriam

''In the passing of Mrs. R. L. McIntyre, St. Paul's Auxiliary, Toronto, has lost one of its standard bearers. Her services in the choir, on the Council Executive, as Treasurer and for many years President of her Auxiliary, were an inspiration to all of the members. Her time, her talents, her means, whole-hearted in all she did, were laid on the altar in most generous service.''

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## QUEBEC

### A Joyous Festival at the Montreal Chinese Kindergarten

Miss Agnes I. Dickson

CHRISTMAS has come and gone at the Chinese Kindergarten in Montreal, leaving behind happy memories, and a host of satisfied little hearts.

The festival was held in the auditorium of the Chinese Y.M.C.I., which was filled by an interested audience. The chairman was Mr. A. M. Nairn, the children's faithful friend. A delightful programme was rendered by the little ones, assisted by the ''Helping Hand'' Club, a group of kindergarten graduates, under the leadership of Miss Elsie Johnson and Miss Rowatt; the C.G.I.T. girls in Mrs. J. A. MacDonald's group; and little Douglas Lee, whose singing was specially encored. Two pleasing items were the Mother Goose rhymes, and the poinsetta drill by the kindergarten girls.

The children's white gift consisted of $2.50, donated to the School for Crippled Children in Montreal. The money was made up largely of pennies saved by the children and placed in a special Christmas box during December. The final contribution was made at the closing exercises, while the ''tiniest'' girl held the Christmas box, and others sang, ''Hear the Pennies Fall.''

Greetings were brought from the W.M.S. by Mrs. A. W. Lamb; and from Montreal Presbytery by Dr. A. S. Reid. The scripture reading and message in Chinese were given by Rev. C. C. Shiu, of the Chinese Mission. Prayer was offered by Rev. D. Scott, Knox-Crescent Church, and Dr. W. D. Noyes.

One scarcely knows how to do justice to the wonderful gifts. Beautifully knitted sweaters for the seventeen boys, and several of the smaller girls; gay scarfs and mittens for the others; toys and daintily clad dolls, bags of candy; a special gift for each teacher, as well as the mothers and younger children; all told of hours of loving work. One would like to speak, too, of the numerous gifts from the mothers, and children, to the teachers.

Besides the gifts from Montreal Presbyterial, and friends, were handkerchiefs for teachers and children, and a beautiful picture book for each child, presented by the Paris Mission Band; also a gift of candy by Mrs. C. Leroux, Montreal. The dainty costumes for the Mother Goose performers were made and presented to the kindergarten by the Mission Band of MacVicar Memorial Church, and were very deeply appreciated. Ice cream and cake, provided by the Presbyterial, gave the finishing touch to a delightful afternoon.

The staff of the school would tender sincere thanks to all whose kind thought for the little ones helped to make their Christmas gathering such an exceptionally happy one.

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## SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. E. G. D. MACEACHERN, 1934 VICTORIA AVE., REGINA, PRESS SECRETARY

REGINA P.S. Executive met in First Presbyterian Church on January 14th. Mrs. J. A. Sinclair occupied the chair. Mrs. J. M. Robb, Corresponding Secretary, reported on the work done by the Auxiliaries; Mrs. C. W. Parker, Nokomis, on the Home Helpers department; Miss Mary Adair, on the *Glad Tidings* department. Library and Literature departmental report was given by Mrs. G. F. Blair and indicated an active year's work. Mrs. P. G. Stuart, Heward, gave a very encouraging report on Young People's work. The C.G.I.T. report was given by Mrs. G. W. Stewart, of Heward. In the absence of Mrs. Grierson, Whitewood, and Mrs. P. L. Hyde, Mrs. J. M. Robb read their reports on Mission Band and Welcome and Welfare departments respectively. Mrs. T. A. Naismith, Treasurer, reported that $1,200 had been sent to the Presbyterial Secretary. Mrs. J. Tanner reported that we had met our allocation for supplies and that she had received appreciative letters acknowledging the same. Regret was expressed at the resignation of Mrs. T. A. Naismith as Treasurer. Mrs. John Shaw was appointed as her successor. Miss C. M. Acheson was appointed Press Secretary. Miss Lily Macarthur gave the closing message.

Mrs. G. M. Bell, President of First Church Auxiliary, at a luncheon at her home discussed with her Executive plans for more effective work for 1932.

**Prince Albert-Saskatoon P.S.**—The ''James Nisbet'' W.M.S., Prince Albert, had a very interesting Thanksgiving meeting when an address on National Missions was given by Mrs. R. G. McKay. A pageant ''Giving Thanks to the Lord'' was presented by the C.G.I.T.

At the Parkview, Saskatoon, Thank-offering meeting Miss Helen

Ross, deaconess, spoke on the life of the late Dr. Caroline Macdonald. The Mission Band and Girl Guides helped greatly in making the programme a most interesting one.

One hundred per cent. of the membership was present at the annual meeting of the Coleville Auxiliary. This Auxiliary had charge of the regular Sunday service recently, the offering going to their allocation.

Gratifying reports were received from the various missionary Secretaries at the annual meeting of St. Andrew's, Saskatoon.

## Life Members

*Alberta Provincial.*—

**Life Members:** Calgary P.S.—1. **Junior Members:** Edmonton P.S.—3.

*Manitoba Provincial.*—

**Life Members:** Brandon P.S.—2. **Junior Members:** Brandon P.S.—8; Superior P.S.—7; Winnipeg P.S.—8. **In Memoriam Subscription:** Brandon P.S.—1.

### HONORARY MEMBER

Brandon P.S.—Mrs. J. F. Leslie, Brandon.

*Ontario Provincial.*—

**Life Members:** Barrie P.S.—9; Brockville P.S.—14; Bruce and Owen Sound P.S.—4; Chatham P.S.—17; Glengarry P.S.—9; Hamilton P.S.—17; Huron P.S.—2; Kingston P.S.—5; Lanark and Renfrew P.S.—5; Lindsay P.S.—11; London P.S.—17; Maitland P.S.—4; Orangeville P.S.—1; Ottawa P.S.—1; Paris P.S.—21; Peterborough P.S.—4; Sarnia P.S.—7; Stratford P.S. —11; Toronto P.S.—56. **Junior Members:** Barrie P.S.—8; Seals, blue 2; Brockville P.S.—4; Seals, silver 1, 5th payment 1; Bruce and Owen Sound P.S.—4; Seals, blue 3, siver 3, gold 2; Chatham P.S.—5; 5th payment 1; Glengarry P.S.—8; Hamilton P.S.—3; Seals, blue 2, gold 1; Huron P.S.—Seal, blue 1; Kingston P.S.—2; Seal, silver 1; Lanark and Renfrew P.S.—11; Seals, silver 2; Lindsay P.S.—2; seals, blue 2, silver 1; London P.S.—22; Seals, blue 9, silver 3, gold 4, 5th payment 1; Maitland P.S.—3; Seals, blue 1, silver 1, 5th payment 1; Orangeville P.S.—Seal, silver 1; Ottawa P.S. —1; Paris P.S.—1; Seals, blue 3, silver 1, gold 3, 5th payment 4; Peterborough P.S.—2; Seals, blue 2; Sarnia P.S.—1; Stratford P.S.—10, Seals, blue 3, silver 4, gold 2; Toronto P.S.—29; Seals, blue 8, silver 4, gold 6. **In Memoriam Subscriptions:** Chatham P.S.—1; Kingston P.S.—1; Lanark and Renfrew P.S.—1; Lindsay P.S.—1; Paris P.S.—1; Toronto P.S.—6.

### HONORARY MEMBERS

Chatham P.S.—Mrs. Jeane Watson, Duart; Peterborough P.S.—Mrs. E. F. Mason, Peterborough, presented by a friend; Stratford P.S.—Miss Annie MacVannel, St. Mary's, presented by Stratford Presbyterial Society; Mrs. John Turnbull, St. Mary's.

## NEW ORGANIZATIONS

### Alberta

**Edmonton P.S.**—Grande Prairie Aux.

### Ontario

**Algoma P.S.**—Sudbury Y.W.A.

**Hamilton P.S.**—''Silver Star'' M.B., Knox Ch., Dunnville; ''Golden Stars'' M.B., Waterdown.

**London P.S.**—Argyle Ch. M. B., Crinan.

**Ottawa P.S.**—St. Stephen's Sunday School M.B., Ottawa.

**Peterborough P.S.**—Cobourg Y.W.A.

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*December 30th, 1931*

| RECEIPTS | |
|---|---|
| A Friend, “Relief Supply Fund” | $ 2.00 |
| A Friend | 20.00 |
| Miss McDonald, Ottawa, “Work in Northern Ontario and Foreign Work” | 20.00 |
| A Friend, “Chinese Work in Toronto” | 80.00 |
| Mrs. Thos. Bell, Toronto | 9.50 |
| St. Andrew's Sunday School, Huntingdon, Que., “South Porcupine Hospital” | 6.65 |
| Legacy from the Estate of Miss Bessie Cowan, through Knox Church, Galt | 500.00 |
| Rent from house at Vegreville, Alta. | 45.00 |
| Refund on Pension | 160.73 |
| Refund on Council Expense | 9.00 |
| Refund on Taxes paid on Prince Albert Residence | 203.76 |
| Refund on Lantern Slides | 99.54 |
| Government Grant for Mistawasis School | 225.00 |
| Evangel Hall, Toronto, “Organ for Pouce Coupe” | 36.15 |
| Interest | 1,635.56 |
| PROVINCIAL GIVINGS | |
| Alberta | 2,423.22 |
| British Columbia | 2,540.00 |
| Manitoba | 2,650.92 |
| Ontario | 50,944.38 |
| Quebec | 7,385.00 |
| Saskatchewan | 1,390.00 |
| | $70,386.41 |

| DISBURSEMENTS | |
|---|---|
| South Porcupine Hospital | $ 267.50 |
| McMurray Hospital | 148.37 |
| Canora Hospital | 596.32 |
| Vegreville Hospital | 252.50 |
| Chinese in Canada | 776.98 |
| “Cecilia Jeffrey” Indian School | 510.85 |
| Birtle Indian School | 572.55 |
| Mistawasis Indian School | 132.00 |
| Presbyterian Residences: | |
| Huntingdon | 104.24 |
| New Liskeard | 255.87 |
| Saskatoon | 472.57 |
| Prince Albert | 104.24 |
| Vegreville | 603.39 |
| Welcome and Welfare | 1,490.55 |
| Formosa | 3,970.93 |
| China, Manchuria | 1,451.25 |
| India, Bhil | 3,982.03 |
| India, Gwalior | 3,664.25 |
| Japan | 1,570.00 |
| Lantern Slides | 26.01 |
| Library | 76.67 |
| Publications | 660.57 |
| Organization | 223.49 |
| Candidates | 138.00 |
| Supplies | 506.37 |
| Miscellaneous | 471.00 |
| Pensions | 91.74 |
| Exchange | 624.38 |
| Administration | 579.57 |
| Student | 692.14 |
| New Missionary | 161.85 |
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# The Glad Tidings

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## Editorial

KNOWING that Christian churches in every section of North America are deeply concerned over the grave crisis which now exists in the Far East, we reproduce, in part, the message which the Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America addresses to the churches in the United States and Canada. It says:

''The international situation in the Far East is so tangled that we should be very slow to judge the merits of it. We may well remind ourselves in all humility of the past transgressions of Western nations in their relations with the Orient and with each other. Reports predicting certain disaster to Christian forces and their work in either country should be greatly discounted for similar predictions in the past have proved to be unfulfilled.

''We can be perfectly assured that however great may be the political and social disturbances in the Orient, the Christian light burns brightly in many Oriental lives and the darkness will never put it out. We know from personal acquaintance many Christians in each country who have seen the Lord and are ready to suffer with and for Him. They are worthy of affection, confidence and co-operation and have much in their Christian experience which will enrich the life of the West. This is the opportunity for Christians of North America to do much to maintain warm relationships with these Christian brethren across the seas.

''Our conviction is that any lasting and righteous settlement of difficulties can be based only on a reasonable and peaceful agreement between the disputing parties. We call upon the Christian Church to enlist its energies to support and improve the existing machinery so that the more than fifty nations signatory to the Pact of Paris shall be able finally to renounce war as an instrument of national policy and unreservedly agree that the settlement or solution of all disputes or conflicts of whatever nature or origin shall never be sought except by pacific means.

''In response to cabled messages from Christian groups in both Japan and China imploring aid in averting the threat to world peace, we have cabled the National Christian Councils in both countries that we are appealing to all North American Christians to join with the Christians of all lands in a strong fellowship of prayer that Christian principles may be victorious in international relationships. It is vital that the churches of Christ in North America should give themselves to prayer for an early settlement of the existing conflict. Only in this way can we lay hold of the invincible spiritual forces which will make possible a peaceful settlement of the present dispute.''

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THE Library Department sometimes called the ''supply department of the mind,'' entered new avenues this year, by supplying the men in the camps along the Trans Canada Highway with books and magazines. H. D. McGillivray, Frontier College Instructor, Kenora, in a letter to the Secretary says: ''It is surprising how quickly the men devour reading matter. The boys are all delighted to have an opportunity to follow current events and to be able to spend their hours of recreation in reading the material you have directed our way. They have all whole-heartedly expressed their appreciation of what you have done for them.''

To show the respect in which Rev. W. M. McKay, the representative of our Church, is held by the men in the camps, we quote merely two sentences: ''Mr. McKay visits us almost every week and is certainly a fine representative of the Presbyterian Church in this environment. He understands the calibre of men who participate in northern development, and in every way is an outstanding representative of his particular vocation.''

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MISS LAURA K. PELTON, Field Secretary, has been granted three months' leave of absence. Miss Pelton entered the work in October, 1925, and ever since has given of her best to the upbuilding of the Church and W.M.S., and Miss Pelton's best is no mean contribution as those who have heard her messages and been moved by her inspired utterances know. And we are glad that for some months to come she will be free of all responsibility and have time for that recreation that comes when the overhanging sense of responsibility is removed.

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SPIRIT FIRE, the Indian name for the Northern Lights, is the title of a delightful book which has just been published by Fleming H. Revell, of New York. To us as a Society the book holds a peculiar charm for the author is our own Mrs. Lereine Ballantyne, known throughout the Society as the writer of our study books, poems, book reviews and also as head of our Publications Department.

*Spirit Fire* is an Indian story and deals with the Petun Indians who lived in the Georgian Bay district. The scene is set in the sixteenth century, at a time when the intertribal conflict between the Iroquois and the Hurons was at its fiercest. The hero, ''Red Eagle'', is a fine type of Indian chieftain, and the missionaries introduced and the places in which they labored are true to historical fact. It is a vivid absorbing story and should be welcomed by Canadians young and old.

IN this issue our Superintendents tell of the work in our School Residences and of the educational work among the Chinese in Canada. Space only allows us to tell of the general work among the Chinese and special work in our oldest Mission in Victoria and our newest in Montreal.

### NEWS ITEMS

Miss Mary Cuddy, Superintendent of the ''Hugh Waddell Memorial Hospital'', Canora, and one of her nurses, are studying Ukrainian so that they can the better serve these new Canadians.

So far as we can learn, war conditions in Manchuria have not interfered with the work in Szepingkai.

A recent letter from Mrs. Gushue Taylor states that five leper patients asked to be baptized. They answered their questions satisfactorily and were admitted into the fellowship of the Church. It was a beautiful service, held in the out-patient leprosy building.

For two years in succession Mrs. C. W. Henderson, of St. John's, Newfoundland, has sent for twelve copies of the *Glad Tidings* and a copy of the study book. It is delightful to know that our literature has commended itself to our far-away co-workers. We heartily congratulate them on the fact that their Society raised $525.00 this year, which is $40.00 more than last year.

## Empire Building for the Kingdom

MISS VIOLET SCOTT, SASKATOON

ABOUT thirty years ago the first immigrants of the Slavonic races made their appearance in Canada. These people naturally settled in communities, bringing with them their own customs and prejudices. It was difficult for the few Protestant English speaking people in these districts to establish any point of contact for mutual help or benefit.

It soon became apparent to the Presbyterian Church that the easiest line of approach was through medical assistance. This led to the opening of dispensaries and hospitals. Our School Residences grew out of this first venture, and became the second step in our national missionary enterprise.

The opportunity which presented itself was too splendid to be cast aside, for as barriers of prejudice and distrust were broken down through the love and sympathy of those who were there to minister, children who were sent to the hospitals and dispensaries as patients were, one by one, allowed to remain.

Gradually the advantages gained by the children being in this environment were recognized by some of the parents and the Mission houses were always crowded. The children were taught our language and customs, their studies were supervised, and the seed of the gospel planted in their hearts, while living in the atmosphere of a Christian home.

Out of this opportunity to direct the children of our new Canadians came the establishing of School Residences, and educational work among the children and young people became an important department in the work of our W.M.S.

So much for the origin of our School Residences. Now let me picture for you two of these residences, one representing the work as seen sixteen years ago, the other typical of four School Residences to-day.

The first, while called a mission house, actually served as a school residence, in addition to reaching out into the community through its medical and evangelistic work.

It had twelve boys and girls in the residence, all of foreign parentage, some not even knowing English. These children all went to the village school, the school fees being paid by our W.M.S. thus our Society gave these new Canadians their education, and religious training. While in the residence they were clothed from the bales sent by the Auxiliaries of our Society.

The day started early as it does in all institutions. Breakfast was prepared by the matron, then followed the duties of the children before they went to school—two girls making the beds, tidying rooms, one girl cleaning the lamps and washing out the tea towels, boys and girls doing the dishes, and preparing the vegetables for dinner, and general cleaning downstairs. The boys brought in the wood and water for the morning, the girls milked the cows, and were taught the care of the milk, and butter making, and how to bake bread.

In this particular residence which was called a Mission House, but which was virtually a School Residence, the staff consisted of a matron, nurse, and sometimes a girl who helped in a general way, and the children who assisted in the work as a training in house-keeping. The residence was the Protestant centre of religious teaching for the whole village. There was no Protestant church in the town, so on Sundays all the village children, English and foreign, joined our children for Sunday School. This, of course, was the great opportunity to mould the thought and life of these children who would be the future men and women of Canada. The gospel was taught in this simple W.M.S.

residence. And there were fruits of that teaching. Boys and girls from eight years to eighteen years of age, came to know Christ as their Saviour. They rose from low standards to higher, they strove toward new ideals, and we beheld new Canadians with a promise of education which would fit them for a higher standard of life than that which their parents had known, and we saw in many of them, Christian boys and girls, who would one day take their place in our civilization as Christian men and women.

That school residence, with others similar to it, was one of our Church's answers to the wistful longing in the hearts of the ''stranger within our gates'' . It was also an answer to the thinking Canadian anxious for a high type of citizenship, and apprehensive lest these Slavonic peoples would never make good citizens. These school residences brought Christ to many a new Canadian.

There is a contrast in my mind as I think of the second school residence, in Saskatoon. I believe that the work as carried on there is similar to that of our residences at Prince Albert, New Liskeard, and Huntingdon, I shall, therefore, make no attempt to speak for any except Saskatoon.

The Saskatoon School Residence is not a charitable institution, it is not serving a foreign community, it is not clothing children from bales. It is a Christian residence for the girl coming into the city to take her higher grade collegiate, or perhaps a business college course, or coming to Normal or University. The majority of the girls are away from home for the first time, and, for the first time, they are removed from the discipline and guidance of their parents. In many instances the parents have chosen our school residence as a ''safety zone'' where the daughter will be under careful supervision, and for that reason only. They are not concerned about the religious aspect of the environment, they have agreed to comply with the requirements in that respect because in that way alone can they secure the protection which they desire for their daughter. And yet it is this very fact which proves one of our biggest opportunities, and, at the same time, provides us with one of our most real difficulties.

To many parents and girls at the time of entrance, the residence is looked upon as a safe boarding house. We in charge of the residence know that it is something more, and at the beginning of each school year we must struggle to overcome this attitude of indifference and almost antagonism, to realize the true object of such a school residence. That is our difficulty, our opportunity is a wonderful one.

Here we have girls at the impressionable age for seven days a week, ten months a year apparently indifferent to the vital, sacred things of life. Many of them without any definite Christian teaching, and now they are to live in a Christian residence where we have morning and evening worship, where Sunday is observed as the ''Lord's Day'', where there is regular church attendance, and where every Sunday afternoon we meet as a class to study the Word of God. With the girls from a background which has been careless and indifferent, are always girls who come from homes definitely Christian in atmosphere and teaching. The life and influence of these girls are thrown in with the efforts of those in charge of the residence, and gradually the leaven works and we see much of the antagonism completely broken, and many of the indifferent aroused to a new consciousness of life's values.

These girls do not speak easily of the changes which come in their thought and attitude, but it is amazing the discussions we have and how in their own way they manifest their desire for the things of life that really count. Several of the girls have joined the church while at the residence or upon their return to their homes. We hear of girls who have lived in our residence acting as leaders of girls' groups in Presbyterian Churches in the Province of Saskatchewan. The Sunday class which we call the ''Blue Banner'' Class has been the centre of our Home life. The girls elect their own President and officers, one Sunday a month is missionary study, and an offering is taken for our W.M.S. The class is affiliated with our Society, and for three years gave more money to our Presbyterial Treasurer than any other girls' group in Saskatchewan Provincial.

This School Residence is accomplishing what it was intended to accomplish—to provide a Christian Home for 'teen age girls away from home, to mould their lives that they may grow into the type of womanhood which we desire for Canada, to give a definite witness for Christ to every one who lives in that residence.

# The Value of School Residences

MRS. A. ROBERTSON, VEGREVILLE

THE Presbyterian School Residences in Vegreville, Alta., were first opened in 1910, so that the children of Ukrainian and Roumanian parents who had come to Alberta, might go to school and learn Canadian ways.

These New Canadians, as we call the pupils, are very anxious to be like other Canadian children, and if they had not been able to live in these residences, they would not know Canadian ways at all, as their parents have different customs. They do not set a table or use dishes which we use, or prepare food like we do. We have to teach the pupils many things along this line.

The Ukrainian and Roumanian are either Greek Catholic or Greek

Orthodox and the children who come to us, know very little, if anything, about their own religion. We find them very anxious to learn our Sunday School lessons and they take a keen interest in the religious services of both our Church and Residence. All the pupils are members of the Mission Band. As the children are from families which have very little money to spend, they have to earn what they give to Mission Band and Sunday School collections, and I feel sure that the widow's mite was never more willingly given than our pupils' collection, of one cent or sometimes five cents. They always seem anxious to give, in order to help others who are not as fortunate as themselves.

In day school they are very good students, many of them taking high averages. The high school teachers have frequently remarked, that the pupils from the Presbyterian Residences are easier to discipline than many other New Canadians.

These pupils are always so thankful for what they are taught about cleanliness and how to take care of their health. In the three and a half years that I have been Superintendent, we have had very little sickness in the residences. But whether there has been much or little sickness we have been fortunate in having the untiring services of Dr. Reid for years, to take care of our pupils who are ill and he never sends us a bill. He is a true medical missionary.

**The Boys in the Vegreville Residence**

Several of our pupils have become teachers, others have studied for pharmacy. One boy who was here last year intends studying medicine. One girl who is with us now is going to be a nurse. Two boys who graduated from high school last year want to be missionaries to their own people (Roumanian), but have not the money to go farther just now. These pupils would not have had an opportunity of education had it not been made possible by these school residences.

Several of the pupils have become members of our Church, and others say they will, when they are of age and can please themselves. Some of the parents are opposed to their children becoming Protestants.

The only family of Roman Catholics we had, were two children, a girl and a boy, who became Protestant, as also did their mother. Although these children are not now in residence, we see them occasionally and they drive many miles to attend a Protestant service, although the Catholic church is near their farm. The boy, thirteen years old, started a Sunday School class at his home, after he left here, with the aid of old Sunday School helps he got when with us, he also collected some from Sunday Schools a distance away. Several of our pupils who have country schools, where there is no Protestant church, have started Sunday Schools, and so we think the work done in these residences is worth while.

There are thousands of Ukrainians in this part of Alberta, and if we can only teach the rising generation about our Saviour and His love for them, it will make Alberta a safer place in which to live.

### A BOY'S IMPRESSION

MY sister and I came to the Residences at Vegreville, six years ago when our mother had to earn our living. Mother is a Ukrainian but we were born in Alberta.

In these residences, we memorize Sunday School lessons about Jesus, and for doing this we receive diplomas and certificates. On Sunday, after we have had our dinner, we go for a walk and when we come back, we read our Sunday School papers. I like to stay here very much. We have a very good teacher at our school and we learn a lot. We each have duties to do every day and in this way we learn how to do many things. When summer comes we have a nice time playing baseball and exercise on the rings and bar. In winter we make a skating rink and skate.

We have a Mission Band service once a month. We like to go to Mission Band and take money to help other little children. I am a Junior Member and wear my pin. I am glad I am getting this education, so that I can help my mother who has been so good to me. —*Willie Lupul.*

## Leaders and Home-Makers of Tomorrow

MISS A. MCKEE

THE girls in our Vegreville Residence are pursuing their studies at school with whole-hearted interest. We have fewer high school pupils this year, as several finished last term and are now attending Edmonton Normal School, and giving a good account of themselves there. The younger girls at our own Mission School are also doing well.

We are a happy family here and each renders cheerful help in the routine work. Although the winter has been severe, the children have enjoyed skating and playing on the ice on the rink in our grounds. Sunday is a busy day with us. We have service at 11 a.m. conducted by Rev. A.

Robertson. Immediately after, we have our Sunday School. The girls are ready with the class work for their teachers, and take pleasure in preparing the lesson study. We have evening service at 7.30 o'clock, here the children join heartily in singing the hymns. Once a month we have our Mission Band. The children act as officers and conduct the meeting themselves. Particular interest is shown in this work. The programmes are very carefully prepared, some of the girls committing to memory verses of scripture and forming themselves into groups to repeat them in unison. Others select favorite hymns and sing them together. During last year 5 pupils were made Junior Members. The festive season was much enjoyed by the girls, the decorating gave great pleasure to all, and Christmas hymns were heartily sung. The outstanding feature about our children is that they are fundamentally religious. We see this in every new child that comes to the residence. They take readily to the study of the scriptures, and learn with avidity the words of any new hymn that is introduced in our services.

Girls at the Vegreville Residence

We have a little girl of six with us. She is a very smart child for her years. She came to us in September. She has already memorized the Primary Catechism, and has also received the 1st and 2nd certificates for the memory course. When she was home for her Christmas holidays, she told her daddy some of the things she had been taught here and he got her to ask the blessing at each meal the week she was at home. The school teacher allowed the pupils a little while one day to make Valentines. This little girl got another pupil to write one to her daddy from his little girl, and on the back of it was written, ''Jesus loves you.'' She brought it home well pleased, and we sent it off.

The other day I received a letter from one of the girls who used to be in the residence and to whom I had sent some literature. She is doing her best to help in the work of the Sunday School in her home district.

She asked me if we had any used Primary Catechisms or little study books. They have about 40 children and often she carries on the Sunday School alone. She is trying to get the children interested in the memory course, and had only 3 copies of the Primary Catechism. So we gathered up what we could spare and sent them on to her.

Another girl paid us a visit and told what she was doing to help at home. She fixed up some boxes for a dresser, then got a strip of white factory cotton and button-stitched it round the edge and it served for the dresser cover. She also put up curtains ''to make their home look like a Canadian one.'' She was glad that she had the opportunity to learn how to cook, bake and clean while here, as she is now able to do that at her parents' home.

## A TRIBUTE FROM A PUPIL AT VEGREVILLE

I HAVE been in the Residence for a little over three years. When I first came I was in grade VII, but my English was poor. It improved soon because I heard nothing else save English. I am in grade X now and am doing fairly well. I was recommended last year in school in the seven subjects which I took up during the year.

The working system here is quite different to what it was at the places I stayed before I had the chance to come here. We have regular hours for going to bed and getting up, for studying, doing our share of the everyday work, and for play. Every morning and evening we have prayers, a blessing is asked before every meal, and very often we have a Bible story or some story connected with the Bible read to us by Miss McKee after supper. These are all enjoyed very much by the girls. I have had a very wonderful opportunity to gain a good knowledge of the true scripture. On Sundays we have services every morning and night. After the morning service we have an interesting Sunday School. I have completed my Sunday School memory course of the scripture, and now am having the privilege of teaching the smallest girls and boys in the Sunday classes.

We have the ''David Livingstone'' Mission Band. Although there are very few here this year, they are all trying to do their very best to help it. Every child takes part in it, which is another opportunity for us to cultivate power of self-control over our feelings when we get up to speak.

I have a married sister who was in this residence for two years. She, too, learned many little things, which otherwise would have been unknown to her, which help her greatly in her home.

I hope that since I have been in this place where the staff have done their very best to put down the unfriendly, envious, and rebellious feelings against each other, teaching us manners, and to be kind to one another, that I will make good use of it in teaching and helping those who did not have the same chance. —*Katie Hawreschuk.*

# The "Lucy M. Baker" Residence for Girls

MISS ELIZABETH A. MACDONALD

THE Presbyterian Residence For Girls, better known as ''The Lucy M. Baker Home'', is a fine brick structure, pleasantly situated on what, a few years ago, was wild prairie, now, one of the principal residential streets of one of the oldest towns in the west, namely, Prince Albert, so called by the Rev. James Nisbet, a Presbyterian missionary, who, in August, 1866, with a small party, landed on the banks of the Saskatchewan River. The perilous journey which took sixty odd days was made by ox-cart from Kildonan, Manitoba, to Fort Carlton, Saskatchewan, then by raft down the river.

Miss Macdonald, Superintendent and girls, "Lucy M. Baker" Residence, Prince Albert

The purpose of Rev. Mr. Nisbet and party was to establish a mission among the Indians, at that time the only inhabitants of the land. Of the original party (children then) there are two survivors, Mrs. Mills, of Prince Albert, and Mrs. Bacon, of Oakville, Ontario. Mrs. Mills has witnessed the development of the little settlement of 1866 to a town of considerable importance situated on the main line of the Hudson Bay Railway, Canada's new grain outlet (and a hope of the west), the gateway to the National Park, Saskatchewan's playground, and the great north country with its vast mineral wealth and other valuable resources.

The residence in past years, has afforded a wonderful opportunity for girls, who lived in districts where there were no schools, to obtain an education at a small cost. To-day, with government schools in every municipality, conditions are greatly changed, and the girls are mostly high school students. Among those who have been in the residence during the past three years, five are now fully qualified teachers and two are nurses in training. Of the present students, four hope to complete the grade 12 work this term.

The home life is very simple and healthful. There is little in the way of amusement after study hours. The long, cold winter makes outdoor sports undesirable. A radio would be a wonderful acquisition and there is always a hope of someday possessing one. The girls all belong to a C.G.I.T. group in connection with the church and attend the weekly meetings.

''Lucy M. Baker'', the brave little lady in whose memory the residence is named, came to Prince Albert many years ago to labor as a missionary among the Indians. The little organ used at the services was many times carried by willing hands from Miss Baker's home to the place of worship and is still in the possession of the lady who so ably assisted Miss Baker in her work. This relic of the early days is being donated by the owner to the Historical Society, to be placed in the museum at Prince Albert. It is interesting to note that the museum is the little log building erected by Rev. James Nisbet and his helpers as a place of worship, and was probably the first Presbyterian Church in the Province, at that time the North West Territories. The little building served many purposes before being reclaimed by the Historical Society who are making a great effort to collect data and relics of the early days.

The march of civilization has brought many changes and great things are still hoped for. The financial depression has retarded progress for a time, yet the lessons learned may make for a better and brighter future in which the ''School Residence'' and similar institutions will share.

# The Value of Huntingdon Residence

REV. J. B. MACLEAN, D.D.

THE Presbyterian Residence at Huntingdon has proven a great success from the very first. The commodious, comfortable, beautiful building offers an attractive home to the young people coming to it as strangers; and the Superintendent in charge knows well how to rule her large family with firmness and yet with understanding and sympathy. Our Church most gladly welcomes year by year these young people to its services and activities; and in their ready response and co-operation we have found much inspiration and positive help. I have very great pleasure in bearing this testimony to the value of the undertaking, and all confidence in commending the Residence to any parents or guardians who may be looking for a place away from home where their children may secure a good education in a first class school and at the same time may enjoy the loving restraints of a well-ordered Christian household.

# The First School Residence in Northern Ontario

MISS JANET MANSON

THE Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada has the honor of being the first missionary organization to establish a school residence for the boys and girls of Northern Ontario.

The need of this particular educational work had long been known, and, on June 11th, 1925, the annual meeting of the W.M.S. authorized the taking up of the option on the property in New Liskeard which had been secured early in May. This residence, an attractive two and a half story building of white brick with upper and lower balconies and set in a large shady lawn, was officially opened on August 29th, 1925.

Since that date fifty-two pupils have been in residence during the different terms, some of these returning four and five years, and receiving all their high school education while in the residence. The present enrollment is ten, seven girls, all in different grades, and three boys, two of the boys attending public school but making plans to attend high school next year, as they are eager students and head their class each month.

Supt. and Young People, New Liskeard Residence

Five of the pupils united with St. Andrew's Church this year, and three of them are memorizing the Shorter Catechism.

The different pupils who have graduated from the school and residence keep in close touch by writing regularly and are all making splendid progress in their chosen life work. Two are in hospitals training, and one is in North Bay Normal School, while the boys have entered journalistic and commercial work. All are very appreciative of the time spent in the school residence, making it felt that it was well worth while.

# Presbyterian Residence for Girls and Boys in Quebec

MRS. A. C. GOULDTHORPE

THE Huntingdon Residence for Boys and Girls opened September 5th, with 23 students in attendance, 11 girls and 12 boys. More applications for girls were received but eleven is our limit of accommodation. Applications for boys were not so many this year. I had not accommodation for them all last year, three rooming out, but this year we have two empty beds.

When the closing exercises for the public and high school were held, we found every one of our 28 pupils had been promoted and those taking examinations had passed very successfully. Six cash prizes were won by our students. Two girls received $5.00 each, for making the greatest improvement in French. Two of the four boys taking the matriculation examination received $7.50 and $5.00 for coming second and third rank in the eleventh grade examinations. After the school exercises, we all returned to the residence feeling quite pleased with ourselves. We consider last year our banner year.

Mrs. Gouldthorpe and pupils at Huntingdon Residence

Our boys and girls attend St. Andrew's Church and Sabbath School every Sabbath morning, three of them being in the choir, as well as many others taking part in the various activities in the Church. The usual certificates for regular attendance at Church and Sabbath School were received, and many are studying the Shorter Catechism, with a view to certificate, for perfect recitation to Dr. Maclean.

We now have a library of over 200 books, donated by ladies of the town and many of the Auxiliaries. St. Andrew and St. Paul's W.M.S., Montreal, have just sent us a set of the twenty volumes of the ''Book of Knowledge.'' We also receive yearly subscriptions to the ''Popular Mechanics'', ''Child Life'', ''Canadian Geographic'', and ''MacLean's.''

Although kept very busy at home, school, and Church, rugby, hockey, baseball, tennis, basketball, swimming and all sports in their season are indulged in every evening after school and on Saturdays by all who wish to take part.

During the late autumn, Friday evenings have been rather dull for the girls, so we organized a sewing class and social evening for them. A prize was given for the best progress in sewing.

When the students heard of the suggestion of the Moderator of the General Assembly that every member should give one dollar to wipe out the debt of the Church, of their own accord they started a subscription among themselves with the result that we raised over twenty dollars under our own roof, for this object.

Recently the older pupils were asked to write a paper on the subject, ''My Impressions of the Residence'', and from several of the papers submitted the following are taken, which may be of interest to the readers of the *Glad Tidings*:

### A GIRL'S IMPRESSIONS

''In a little town called Huntingdon, on the brink of the winding Chateauguay River, stands the 'Residence'. It is a massive building of three stories. A spacious lawn spreads out in front. Tall trees shade the mansion.

Yes, this is our 'Home'. And our family? We are twenty-five boys and girls, who love each other as brothers and sisters do. Here, we learn to consider each other, and not ourselves. Here, we are watched over and cared for as by our mother's side. Here, self-control, obedience and respect are found. Here is a homely home over which Christian faith holds sway.

Indeed, these are happy days! Up bright and early at seven o'clock. Breakfast is at half-past seven and at eight we do our different tasks, to make our 'Home' clean and tidy. Off to school we go at nine o'clock. Dinner is served at twelve o'clock and school begins again at one. We have recreation from a quarter to four till six o'clock. Studies begin at seven and 'lights out' at ten o'clock. Together with our outside activities and pleasures, is it any wonder our days just fly?

I shall always revere the memory of this 'Home'. It has sheltered me for three years. During that time, I feel its environment has helped a great deal to prepare me, as I now near my threshold of life.''

—*Grace Ryan.*

### A BOY'S POINT OF VIEW

''From a boy's viewpoint the Residence is, I think, entirely satisfactory. Of course every boy does not like the same things at the same time but the regulations are such that I know all the boys feel that they are fair.

There are more pleasant things than to hear that breakfast bell at 7.30 on a cold winter's morning but just that makes you feel like a new man when you get up. These study hours that cannot be escaped seem unnecessary at the time, but you certainly feel like blessing the Superintendent, when at the end of the school term, you get through O.K.

We have many things to make school life very enjoyable. For any boy who loves sports, winter, summer, spring and fall, they are here under excellent managers and the motto 'Fair Play' is emphasized even at the sake of the game. The radio and social evenings we have help to pass the time enjoyably and profitably.

What boy wouldn't like to grow and develop with other boys, develop into a finer man as a result of these acquaintances? Three cheers for the Residence and all it means to some boys and girls who are becoming better because of their connections with it!'' —*Ronald Macpherson.*

# Avenues of Approach to Christ

## Educational Work Among the Chinese in Canada

REV. D. A. SMITH

THE history of Chinese Missions in Canada is, in large measure, the history of our educational approach. In it all, however, our purpose is very clearly defined, namely, the putting of the Bible into Chinese hands, and Christ into Chinese hearts.

One could spend a profitable time tracing our Chinese mission work from the early days down to the present time. At first only men came to our shores. The learning of English was then the chief attraction. In this way men heard for the first time the Gospel story. With the coming of their wives, and the setting up of home life new points of contact were made. Kindergartens were begun; music taught; physical instruction given; and classes in Chinese inaugurated.

Be it remembered all these are but ''avenues of approach''. The end is the teaching of God's Word, and the winning of souls for Christ.

These educational avenues have led to very definite results, however. They need be but mentioned. They bespeak their own worth:— C.G.I.T.'s; Trail-Rangers; Mission Bands; Bible Classes; Prayer groups; together with the regular Sabbath Services, and Sunday Schools, two Women's Missionary Societies, and, in Victoria, even a church choir.

All this constitutes a long step from the early days. We are, as it were, growing our own Christians. It is not a speedy process. In this work we are compelled to have the ''far-look''. So often those in the work tend to grow weary with the seeming slowness of the change. It is hard to wait. Faith alone can supply the patience. It must be remembered that the older generation have come out of a solid background of heathenism. The march is slow. The present generation is still hedged about by tradition, and the manifold complexities of transition. They need our sympathy rather than our impatient criticism. It is they who are doing the hard, but necessary, foundation work upon which the future of the Chinese mission in Canada is to be built. It is to the next generation we must look. From them will come the real harvest, both here and in China.

There are many evidences of the worthwhileness of these ''avenues of approach.'' Through them we get an entrance to the homes of the people. We reach the children and, through them, appeal to the parents. Very often the parents are openly opposed to Christian teaching. Only their interest in these educational ''avenues'' makes them willing to let us have the care of their children. Soon their prejudices are broken down, confidence established, and hence decisions for Christ made. It works in other ways. A pupil, in a friendly letter to a worker wrote this ''. . . I can say my prayer now. I try to teach my sister how to say her prayer. She could not catch. I hope later on she can catch.'' In this simple sentence is the whole history of Christian Missions. Or take this, a young lad who attended one of our classes, in time came to Christ. He is now back in his native Chinese village preaching the Gospel. Is it worth while? Can we put a price on his conversion? Or this, a Chinese father who had little or no use for Christianity allowed his child to attend kindergarten. You will find a Chinese Golden Text card nailed up above his business desk, to-day. All ''avenues of approach'' to Christ.

These roads also lead to leadership, and Christian responsibility. By them many young Chinese men and women are entering Christian service as preachers, teachers, and hospital workers. Our mission groups and classes are indeed real training grounds for missionaries. Last year for the first time we installed four Canadian born young Chinese as teachers in the Sunday School. Our Church has labored long for this fruitage. But it has come. There is cause for rejoicing. Again, in the assuming of financial responsibility, the educational training is beginning to tell. How very far this is removed from the beginnings of Chinese missions. The Chinese Christians are now learning to think in terms of ''others''. They want to share with us in bringing the world to Christ.

Probably the most important phase of the whole work is the multiplying of opportunities for the sending of Christ's gospel to China itself. We cannot separate the work here from the work there. This makes our missionary effort in Canada doubly important. Men are continually writing home. What do they write about Christ and His Church? Some, we know, urge their families to attend the nearest mission service, or to study the scriptures. Others, again, are continually returning for holiday or business reasons. Their good word for Christ is invaluable. Many are planning their return to China, when the country is quieted. Shall we allow them to go back as assets or liabilities? In this way every Chinese man, woman and child in Canada is a potential missionary to the people of that needy land.

These, therefore, are some of the prospects opened to us by our educational work. We lead the parents through the kindergarten child. By our daily teaching of prayers and scripture we pass the Word along. God has His own ways of working. If we teach the Chinese to sing and play it is that they may praise Him the better. If we teach them to read and write it is that they may learn to love His Book, and write in words of Fire His message in their hearts. If we teach them our language it is that they may show forth His good works in our country's life. If we teach them their own mother tongue it is not only that they may, if chance or choice take them to China, serve Him the more effectively there, but it is also that they shall the more readily and truly comprehend His ''Glad Tidings'' which is to all people, and which alone constitutes our whole aim, purpose, and plan in this our Mission to the Chinese in Canada.

# Why Educate the Chinese?

Miss Agnes I. Dickson, Montreal

WHEN Chinese first came to Canada, about fifty years ago, they were mainly young men with no knowledge of the English language. Those who caught the vision of the field for missionary service offered by their arrival in our country, found that a point of contact could be established by the opening of schools for teaching English to the newcomers.

How far-reaching the results of this form of missionary service were, eternity alone will reveal. One student returning to China, in writing to the Superintendent of the Chinese school he attended, after thanking him for all the help he had received, said: ''I am going home to tell my family and friends, what I have learned of Jesus Christ, who means far more to me than any money I have made. It is a wonderful thing to have Christ in my life.'' Another said: ''My teachers might have given me money. It would have helped me often. They did give me English, and it was a great advantage to me; but they have given me something far better than English or money—something which cannot be taken from me in time or in eternity.''

One has only to ponder over these testimonies, to realize the intrinsic missionary value of the witness of such men, who returned to their native land to let the new found light shine. Such instances could be duplicated from almost any section of Canada where such work was carried on and it is still continuing.

As the years have gone on, the demand for a knowledge of the English language has decreased, and a change has taken place in the way Christian work is now carried on. There are still some classes in every city but, gradually, little groups of Chinese Christians have organized themselves for work among their own people. Chinese Christian Institutes have been formed in most of the larger centres, and Chinese congregations hold regular Christian services.

The coming of Chinese women to Canada with their children, and the little ones born in Canada, soon constituted a new and wonderfully promising field for service. One finds now, also, in all the larger cities, fine groups of Christian Chinese women, interested in the activities of the Church, and taking their place alongside of their Canadian sisters in missionary and charitable endeavor.

One cannot speak of the educational work among the Chinese children without referring to a type of school, which is found in all centres, where Chinese form any considerable part of the population. That is the *Chinese* school. Having all the advantages of our Canadian educational system, the Chinese children are growing up with a good command of the English language, in many cases heading their classes in Canadian schools. In the City of Montreal, six high school Chinese students, three boys and three girls, won scholarships in the final examinations in June. Three younger ones, in one public school, stood first in their classes in December. But what about their Chinese education? To solve that difficulty, many *Chinese* schools have been established, where the children may be taught their own language, under Chinese teachers. They attend public school during the regular school hours, go home for a hurried lunch, and then off to Chinese school. There, for three hours, they struggle with the intricate Chinese characters, and study their own history and literature. There are three such schools in Montreal. Two of them, unfortunately, are not under Christian influences. The third is taught by Mr. Shiu, the minister of the Chinese United Church. A similar school is conducted in Ottawa by Mr. Lee, formerly a teacher in the Presbyterian school in Victoria.

The educational work in Montreal, for which our Women's Missionary Society is directly responsible, is the kindergarten at the Chinese Christian Institute. In it there are thirty children, ranging in age from three to seven years.

Imagine yourself among them. One of the teachers had called for you about nine-thirty in the morning, and your companions are picked up on the corner near their homes. You may all run as fast as you like, provided you halt for orders at each crossing.

After you have all gathered in the bright kindergarten room, with Miss Jue at the piano, and Miss Dickson leading you, the morning greeting is sung, sometimes in English and sometimes in Chinese. A favorite hymn, and the morning prayer, are followed by the Bible story. Perhaps it is about the Good Shepherd, and eager hands go up to tell something which is remembered about it. One small girl's contribution is, ''Jesus said, 'I am the Good Shepherd,' and He said, 'I am the door,' too.'' Another tells how the Shepherd sits in the entrance to the sheep fold, and so really *is* the door. Or it may be the story of Judas, and a small boy tells how Judas sold his Master, adding thoughtfully, ''I'll never love money like that.'' After the story, your teacher will find out how well you are remembering your Bible verses, or she may teach you a new one.

If you are one of the babies, you will then go to the other school room for a happy half hour of play with blocks, paper cutting, or folding, or drawing pictures. If you are one of the older ones, it will be a Chinese reading and writing lesson which will occupy your time.

Then comes the jolly time of marching, running, skipping and physical exercises, sometimes varied by a game. This period is followed by an arithmetic lesson for the older ones, or much loved handwork. A new Chinese hymn, or song, may finish the morning's programme, and if you are one of the straightest and best-behaved line, you may have the honor of marching out first.

Mrs. Herman will help Miss Jue to gather you all for afternoon school, where you will learn to read the fascinating Mother Goose rhymes, write English, and sing pretty English songs and hymns. Before you know it, three o'clock has come, and your happy day is over.

One visitor recently remarked, ''This visit to the school has done me more good than a real missionary meeting, so far as the Chinese work is concerned.''

And the work does not end with the children. More than one mother, who does not pray herself, will relate how the children kneel to pray at night. A sick mother recently told how her baby boy came to her bedside, and, telling her he was going to pray for her, repeated the Lord's prayer, which he had learned from his brother and sister who came to school.

In three or four years the personnel of the kindergarten changes entirely, but seeds of truth have been sown, and the word of God put into retentive little memories, claiming His promise that it shall not return unto Him void, but shall accomplish His purpose in the lives of these precious little ones.

# The Christian Influence Over the Chinese People

MR. WALTER LEE, AN ELDER IN OUR CHINESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, VICTORIA

THE Chinese, as a race, have always been a God-revering people, ever trying to seek out the true God, but we have been groping in the dark in our quest until the pioneer missionaries conveyed the blessed message of our dear Saviour to us. It was then that a new era of religious thought was opened up in China. The people gradually came to know the real God, have new ideas of life, became more enlightened and so the old order by degrees yielded its place to the new.

A wonderful change has been wrought in China since then; modern cities have reared up, churches are established in place of idol temples, and also many other institutions built, the people are having a new standard of living and regard people of other races as brothers and sisters in God.

Our Chinese people in Canada have also benefitted considerably by the Christian Missions. Most of us got our first knowledge of the English language — a capital in our livelihood — in the Mission night classes, and Sunday Schools, which in reality have served as a medium through which many have become good faithful followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

# Chinese Presbyterian Mission

MISS GERTRUDE SCOTT

A GOOD deal of the work in the mission at Victoria is along educational lines, and contact is made with children ranging in ages from three to twenty, by means of the kindergarten, afternoon class, music lessons, Mission Band, C.G.I.T. Group, Chinese classes and Sunday School.

The kindergarten meets in a large classroom behind the Church Hall every morning at ten. Chinese children, as a rule, are eager to learn, and, as they must understand English before being admitted to the public schools, the enrollment is usually between thirty and forty.

It is interesting to notice how their English vocabulary improves after a year or two with us, even when they come from homes where the mother speaks only Chinese. Sometimes they correct each other's mistakes in grammar, and one small pupil will be told by another not to say, ''Me can do it,'' but, ''I can do it.'' It is amusing when a child wants to tell an important piece of news and makes superhuman struggles to put it into English, and pants with the effort of finding the right words.

Miss Scott and her Kindergarten Kiddies, Chinese Mission, Victoria

When school opens we spend the first half hour memorizing and singing hymns, and learning a Bible story from a picture roll. The children reproduce the stories in both English and Chinese. The older ones then read from charts or the blackboard and have a lesson in number work, while the ''babies'' play with blocks and beads. Handwork and action and singing games fill up the rest of the morning and before singing ''goodbye,'' the children repeat the Lord's Prayer in Chinese. In the afternoon, the older children meet with me for another hour's work, conducted entirely in English.

When the public schools are over for the day, I have some of the Sunday School pupils come to me for music lessons, so am busy until 4.30 on four days a week and on Saturday morning. One pupil who had her first music lessons in the Mission is now our Sunday School pianist, and a great help at the concerts and meetings. There are pianos in a number of the Chinese homes, and often a hymn book is on the piano, so I do not feel that teaching the children to play is waste effort. It is also a good way of gaining the friendship of the pupils. Later, should these children become teachers, it will be a great help to them to have a little understanding of music.

Chinese classes are held in the two schoolrooms of the Mission at 4.30 for the juniors and at 7.30 for the seniors, under the tuition of Mr.

"Shining Lights" C.G.I.T., Chinese Mission, Victoria

Leung and Miss Lee. Seventy boys and girls come to these classes and many are from non-Christian homes. At every session scripture lessons and hymns are taught, and the children given moral principles. This is a means of connecting with non-Christian families, and Miss Lee finds it so much easier to visit at homes where the children attend her classes. Every alternate Friday the C.G.I.T. Group meets with ten 'teen age girls. We have interesting and energetic times together. The group is affiliated with the W.M.S. and a part of each meeting is devoted to Mission study. Last summer two of the girls went to the local C.G.I.T. camp and it was a fine experience for them. The girls show such willingness to co-operate with the Church work. Two of them now have charge of Sunday School classes, and a number of them sing in the choir every Sunday morning. Miss Lee is now holding a choir practice on Friday evening, as it is necessary for some of the members to have a lesson on reading the hymn characters as well as learning the tune, for, as you know, reading Chinese characters is not an easy matter.

Daniel and Kenneth Lee, nephews of Miss Grace Lee, and Freddie Yipp (in centre)

The Sunday School has an attendance of about sixty pupils, divided into eight classes. There is a fine class of young men under Mr. Sutherland's leadership and a flourishing primary department.

The Chinese women have a Women's Missionary Auxiliary and are a faithful, earnest band with a membership of thirteen. When an appeal came for clothing for destitute families in the Peace River country, the women gladly filled a big sack with useful clothes and added two large paper bundles for good measure.

The Sunday School boys played in the inter-Sunday School basketball games in the winter, and that helped a little to promote friendship with other Christian boys.

On more than one occasion public school teachers have told us that they are thankful for the missions as they notice the difference in character and behaviour between those who have had mission training and those who come from non-Christian homes. Such encouraging statements make one feel something is being accomplished.

# Books Old and New

By Lereine Ballantyne

ANNUAL meetings are over now, and officers are settling down to the business of the year. Some new members have been added, and, in this department they will always find a welcome when material is required to make programmes interesting.

Easter is early, and we shall have an early start in getting Sectional meetings under way. A new paper has been prepared entitled

YOUR TABLE OF BOOKS

which gives suggestions and information regarding the display of literature, be it a large display or just a few study books and leaflets. One of these will be sent in each parcel ordered by an Auxiliary Literature Secretary. Knowledge is the surest way of increasing missionary interest in every member of the family.

STUDY GUIDE FOR YOUNG WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES is just off the press. Suggestions are made in a very brief form for discussions and studies, so that any group might use it with a current Study Book. It has been prepared by Laura K. Pelton and L. Ballantyne. The price is 15c. per copy or $1.25 per dozen. It is hoped that the young women will order these in dozen lots, that each may have her own copy for discussion purposes.

UNTO THE HILLS is a new book of daily prayer and meditation, published by the Church of Scotland. It followed the DAY BOOK OF PRAYER and is priced at 35c. in board cover, and 50c. per copy in green cloth.

FORMOSA, and its Diamond Jubilee, is a new booklet by Rev. John McNab just off the press. It contains a biographical sketch of George L. MacKay, with an outline of the work done during the last 60 years. This little book will be a real addition to our supplementary reading. It sells for 20c. per copy.

LOOKING UNTO JESUS is a beautiful little service in three parts. These sell at 10c. each, and $1.00 per doz.

MEN WHO STOOD ALONE is a new book attractively bound, by Mary Nenness, containing twelve stories for boys and girls, or adults. They are woven around dramatic incidents in the lives of the prophets of the Old Testament from Elisha to John the Baptist. Price per copy $1.25.

DEEDS DONE FOR CHRIST, by Sir James Merchant, is one of the finest books ever produced on missionary heroes. It is the sort of book that young people everywhere should read. In order to sell it quickly we have reduced the price from $2.25 to $1.25 per copy. Order one for the home or Sunday School.

THE RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD, by George A. Barton, is a good reference book for your library. It gives a complete history of and description of the various religions practised in all the leading countries of the world. Price $3.00 per copy.

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## Prayer

**OUR Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the impulse to pray. Enable us to practise in our lives those virtues which we crave in our petitions. Remember especially at this time, our educational work in Canada. Grant Thy blessing to the Superintendents of our School Residences and the teachers among the Chinese. Endue them with wisdom and patience and may they be used of God to inspire young hearts to serve Thee. Be very near our missionaries and bless them. Grant journeying mercies to our Moderator and his wife as they travel to Formosa, and may great blessing attend the sixtieth anniversary of that Mission. Bring peace, O God, to a troubled world. Through all the complexities of our times lead us to a truer knowledge of Thee and Thy love. Amen.**

# How the Jobat Kindergarten Began

By Ellen Douglas

"THERE are quite a number of small children in Jobat—children of the hospital workers and our servants. The parents do not like to send them away from home when they are so little, and they asked if I would teach their kiddies here. And so the Jobat kindergarten began.

My heart went pitter patter when I saw all the little compound children toddling up the hill that first day. They were all there, from Jacob, who is just two, not very steady on his legs yet, and still less sure of his speech, up to the biggest boy, Victor, who is six. Of course these kiddies know very little Hindi, for Bhili is what they hear in their homes, and knowing how feeble my Hindi is, I really was afraid.

At Miss Robson's suggestion I asked Walkiebai, one of the Christian women, to help me. She knows both Bhili and Hindi, is fond of children and very quick to learn, so now we can see a little progress.

If you were here you would see every morning, about nine o'clock, sixteen little ones climbing up the hill to the W.M.S. bungalow. There, having said salaam, they sit down in a circle on the floor. First we sing a hymn and a little prayer song. Then we have a Bible story and learn a verse or two, after which we play a few games. I wish you could see little Bertha and Alice and Soomeli playing—they are not quite three years old but they sing and play for all they are worth. It is very hard to get the older ones to play, and I have had to bribe them with peanuts and little biscuits. After they have played a while, the very little tots go home, and we have eight or nine left who are able to work. At first we had very little to work with. We learn to count with sitapbul seeds, to write in the sand, and read from cards which I have printed. Now we have acquired slates, and when they can form the letters fairly well in the sand, they are then allowed to write on slates. Being with the children and having to talk to them in Hindi, provides a splendid opportunity for learning the language. I try to tell a story every day in Hindi, and Walkie tells it afterwards in Bhili. Some kind person from home sent me a few nice Bible pictures, and some Beginners' Sunday School papers. These I find most useful in telling stories, for when the children cannot altogether understand what is being said, the picture helps. All children love pictures.''

## YOUNG WOMEN

THERE is no need to make programme suggestions this month on the work we are doing in China, because one meeting would hardly suggest the work covered last month, and added to that, the current events which young women may collect from the papers these days are teeming with interest, and, no doubt, it is not a case of finding topics for discussion, but of finding time to say all that could be said on present day world conditions.

### Membership Mounting Up

Those of us who are watching the young women's work, with an almost jealous interest, have been delighted with the reports that have come in from all over the country showing the great interest in membership and enthusiasm in our Young Women's Department. We are thrilled beyond measure to realize that the young women of our Church are measuring up to the higher paths of service which they have set for themselves.

### An Alert Leader

A young woman in Nova Scotia saw a report of the Friday evening session of the annual meeting of Toronto Presbyterial, in the *Toronto Globe.* It was reported that the Glenview Girls' Auxiliary had put on a pageant. So she sent a letter of inquiry to the President, addressed in care of the church, asking for the information as to where this pageant could be obtained, etc. Needless to say, a copy was sent to her. In reply to the question, where publications along this line could be obtained, I referred her to our Publications Office and enclosed a catalogue. I am looking forward to a reply, as I asked for some suggestions *re* programmes they used. And so the news goes from east to west, and those who seek are surely finding new ideas.

### Just One Adventure in the Life of a Missionary

''I was in Mukden, a couple of days this week. As the days are short, I did my shopping first, then about five o'clock I started for my friends in a distant part of the city. When half way there, my racksha was suddenly halted and three policemen levelled their guns at me, and asked who I was, where I was going, etc., etc. When I told them I was British and a missionary, and they had carefully looked me over to be sure I was not a brigand, a communist, or Japanese spy, they let me go. Afterwards I learned that no one goes out after four o'clock as it is not very safe in the Chinese city.''

### Manchuria

'I wish you could be here with me in Kung Chu Ling. Busy? That's not the word I'm looking for, I could tell you better in Chinese, 'Man te li hai', 'Busy beyond expression'.

Last Friday Mrs. Koffend and I planned to come up for a week or so and stay in our country home! No, you're wrong, it's not what you're thinking about at all, because this country home is exactly 10 x 15 ft. and we live here for a week or ten days at a time in strict camp style; it's enough up-to-date that we can fold away the bed during the day so the teacher will find room to sit down when he comes to teach.

Sunday afternoon, after a large Sunday School, morning worship and lunch our door opened and an old lady popped her head in saying, 'Is the lady in?' I told her that the lady was resting but in she came saying, 'Every time I ask if the foreign lady has come they tell me she has just gone back home after a trip, and for months or more I have come to the chapel to see her and ask the way of Salvation and today they say she is here and I'm just going to wait till she's through resting, and with that she came over to the table and sat down. I took my Bible and we talked of the things of Christ for some time, then Mrs. Koffend came and she took up the story. We believe that the Light came into that woman's heart before she left.

Dr. Goforth said when he left here after a week's meetings 'The Cloud of the Spirit of God truly rests upon Kung Chu Ling, I've never seen it so in forty years in China!'

Pray that the blessing of God may be upon us. The fruit is so ripe it drops when touched, people everywhere, and only this one Christian chapel in a city of 70,000!'' —*Mabel and Joseph Koffend.*

### Chartless

I never saw a moor,
  I never saw the sea;
Yet now I know how the heather looks
  And what a wave must be.

I never spoke with God,
  Nor visited in Heaven;
Yet certain am I of the spot
  As if the chart were given.

—*Emily Dickinson.*

# GIRLS AND LEADERS

## MOCCASIN TRAIL

### A Suggested Play in Three Acts

SIX characters to include: Miss Wade, teacher in an Indian Residential School; Rose Red Star, a new pupil; Clair Beaver, an old pupil; Indian woman; patient in a hospital; nurse-in-training in hospital.

### Scene I

Younger girls' dormitory in Indian School—the section showing a window, a single bed or cot, and a small locker, made from a box or heavy crate curtained.

Upon the curtain rising, the voice of the teacher is heard as she advances, followed by an Indian girl with a pile of neatly folded garments in her arms. Teacher is dressed in navy blue with white collar and cuffs, the girl in a bright dress over which is worn a red sweater. The teacher continues to explain to the new pupil how the outfit which she carries has come in the bale sent by kind friends, and how all the boys and girls receive the same.* The girl answers never a word, only listens with serious attention. After indicating that the clothes be put in the locker for the present, Miss Wade points to the other beds not shown and says:

*Miss Wade:* ''By to-night, all these beds will be occupied and you will not feel alone. Meantime, I shall send Clair Beaver from your Reserve to show you about the school. She has been with us all vacation, helping with the summer activities, and will be glad to hear about her people.'' (Teacher leaves room.)

*Rose Red Star,* left to herself, steals after the teacher to the door, and, assured that no one is about, hurries back to her bed. She feels it, finally bouncing up and down. Then she occupies herself with the new outfit, turning the garments over and holding them up for inspection. Gradually her interest wanes and she looks around dubiously. Going to the window, she stands looking out, after which she turns and pointing to the other beds, nods as if to say that they will be filled. As to her own, a slow negative shake implies that it will be empty. Suddenly she hears some one coming. The person is singing. It must be Clair Beaver. Confused and uncertain what to do, Rose scrambles under her bed where lying flat, with face hidden, she hopes to escape observation.

*Clair* (enters dressed very much like a Canadian Girl in Training). ''Rose, Rose Red Star. I'm glad you are come.'' (She spies the smaller girl and covers her mouth to keep back a laugh. Silence follows while she proceeds towards the bed and folds up clothing. As she works, she hums the refrain of the song which she was singing upon entrance. Bending suddenly, she catches Rose's feet.) ''Come out now. I know what you do.'' (Succeeds in pulling girl forth after which she squats beside her on the floor. ''I did same thing when I come first. I made up mind to run home. Not stay at all. Now I like stay all time.''

*Rose:* ''Why you not go home that time?''

*Clair:* ''We had supper. I liked supper. We played games. I like games, and music. Sweet music. Yes, and my bad foot, the nurse lady in hospital room make well. The hospital room is white as a new winter morning.''

*Rose:* ''You not hear moccasin trail call?''

*Clair:* ''Not now. Some day when I a teacher and can show my people, then the moccasin trail call and I answer.''
(Sound of laughter from outside.)

*Clair:* (Springing to her feet). ''Come. I show you everything, the playground, kittens, dogs and tame deer.''*

*Rose:* (Allowing herself to be dragged to her feet.) ''First, I see new winter room of him makes you well. My mother cough, (putting hand on chest) my mother papoose cry, sick. I see nurse lady and ask her to take them cure.'' (*Curtain*).

### Scene II

Campfire with tripod and pot, or old stove about which there is a littler of odds and ends. Indian woman with shawl is seen bending over fire, but hurries away as some one is heard to moan.

Clair appears, no longer so spick and span, and takes her place by fire. After a little, she attempts to tidy up and then she begins to sing.

*Rose:* (With a piece of leather work in her hands). ''Good to hear you sing, Clair. Sounds like school.''

*Clair:* ''I don't feel like school (she seems to shoo away some flies) don't you hate all these flies?''

*Rose:* ''Are you sad not to go to girls' camp when invited?''

*Clair:* (Nods and glances over shoulder). ''But my mother need me with Nokums sick. I wanted to know all that they teach at camp. My father say, 'another summer.' He does not make me marry only like some. I am glad. What have you been doing?''

*Rose:* ''I have learn the bead stitch, Miss Wade wanted. You know how she say 'keep craft and lore of your people.' Granny Crow knows the stitch. Will you have medicine dance for your granny?''

*Clair:* ''No, there is medicine the nurse lady left. It help your mother and baby brother.''

*Rose:* ''Sure, my mother has no more cough. Baby not die like the others. The nurse lady came to the reserve with Superintendent of School and brought the cure. Some day, I mean to know cure. Sing some more Clair.''*
(Clair sings and Rose joins in while gradually Indian figures draw around. In distance the tom-tom of drum is heard.) (*Curtain*).

### Scene III

Hospital room. Patient in pretty bed jacket propped up in bed. Flowers on table, etc. Rose Red Star, in a white uniform, stands at the foot of bed.

*Patient:* ''And you say that you are an Indian girl.''

*Rose:* ''Yes, I am an Ojibway.''

*Patient:* ''But how did you ever get here?''

*Rose:* ''By the Moccasin Trail.'' (She laughed). ''No, I came from an Indian Boarding School where I was educated. Ever since the first day in that School when I saw the dispensary, I wanted to be a nurse.''

*Patient:* ''How did you manage to do it?''

*Rose:* ''A teacher, Miss Wade, helped me to keep to my purpose. Then I was always urged on by the suffering and need of my people—my people who were once a strong and healthy race.''

*Patient:* ''You were courageous. It can not have been easy.''

*Rose:* ''What is easy that is really worth while? My ancestors did not fear the obstacles with which nature surrounded them. Why should I fear the obstacles of human nature? Then there were other girls with purposes. Clair Beaver has become a splendid teacher.''

*Patient:* ''You will soon be graduated?''

*Rose:* ''I have but two more months to put in here.''

*Patient:* ''What then?''
(Another nurse in training comes to say that the Superintendent is asking for Rose since an old Indian has just been admitted to the hospital. He is very sick and no person can understand what he says. After Rose leaves the room, the second nurse tells the patient about Rose Red Star. How clever she is and how well liked.*)

*Nurse:* ''We expect that she will head our class at graduation.'' (Leaves stage).

*Patient:* (Picks up magazine and reads until Rose's return.) ''Well, did you settle the difficulty?''

*Rose:* ''He settled it himself by dying.'' (She went and stood by the window.) ''But first he told me of my people. He belonged to my

Reserve. Many are sick with an epidemic—I am leaving to-night with the Government doctor.''

*Patient:* ''But your graduation!''

*Rose:* ''It must wait—the moccasin trail is calling.''

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* This play may be increased in length by fuller conversation where indicated by (*). Material may be secured in study book and the last three numbers of *The Glad Tidings.* Don't forget to use lantern slides.

How are the Treasure Books progressing? Instructions *re* Treasure Books in May number.

# MISSION BANDS

## THE ''M. G. ABEY'' MEMORIAL CHILDREN'S NURSING HOME, DEDICATED AND OPENED

By Mildred Soutar

THE Dedication of the ''M. G. Abey'' Memorial Children's Nursing Home, at Amkhut, took place on January 8th.

Before breakfast on the eventful day, Mrs. Toombs and Kim and I went down and hung pictures, and they certainly did help to brighten the place. Then Mrs. Toombs left and I finished the beds and cleaning, having two of the women to help me. Miss Williamson and the boys had made the sandwiches and other good things for our tea, so, when the time came, I dressed the two older children, a girl, four years of age, and a boy, three, donned my uniform and partly dressed the baby. By that time the cars were arriving, so baby and I went down to the ''Home'' to see that everything was O.K.

Shortly after 2 o'clock the service began, Dr. Buchanan being in the chair. The school children sang ''Around the Throne of God in Heaven.'' Dr. Buchanan led in prayer, then gave a history of the gift which made the building possible. Then the children sang ''There's a Friend For Little Children'', in Hindi. Mr. Toombs thanked all who had helped in any way in the building, teaching, etc. Veriya Master told of all that had been done for the sick and thanked the W.M.S. for providing for the motherless children and the pupils from the school who were sick. They sang a Bhili bugeon, Mr. Wood told of the purpose of the Home which I missed as I had to prepare the baby for baptism.

Baby looked lovely as I dressed him in a long white dress, a lovely pale pink knitted jacket which the Y.W.A. of Alberton Church, Ont., had sent out with the bale, and a pink bonnet presented to him by Miss Williamson. Mrs. Young, as Godmother, sponsored for him, and Mr. Young baptized him. The name they had chosen was Mangal Singh, Mangal is the Hindi word meaning ''Joy'', it also means Tuesday, on which day he was born.

He really looked like a little doll, being very fair for an Indian babe, and only weighing six pounds as yet. He did not weigh four when we took him, when he was only two days old. Dunsingh and his wife sponsored for the other two children, who are related to him, all the elders and congregation being responsible for them also. Dr. Buchanan baptized them. The little girl's name is Jy—meaning Victory, and the boy's Dersingh (I do not know the meaning of it). Mr. Young made the Dedicatory prayer. Then wee Kim Toombs, Joy McDonald and Junior Wood opened the door. Mr. Young took movie pictures of this, so you will likely see it sometime. The children did their part very well indeed. Mrs. Young gave me the baby, but the other two could not be found. Miss Robson, Mrs. Young and I then received the people. The older school girls were stationed around the building and directed the visitors and told what things were for.

The bath rooms and the baby were the chief attractions and we had a time at those points to prevent a barricade. The baby was in the babies' room, lying beneath a picture of Moses in the bulrushes, and in his bamboo basket looked very much like little Moses must have looked when found by the Princess, with the exception of babies' finery and nice blanket. The people then sat down and were given peanuts, Miss Robson's Patsie's treat as it happened to be his birthday, Friday, January 8th. The sweets we ordered did not come. We missionaries had our tea on the shady portion of the verandah. We served tea to thirty. Miss McConnell brought a cake and Mrs. Young the baby's christening cake. After tea we moved the beds out of one of the wards and Mr. Young showed us his movie pictures. They were enjoyed by all. Everyone felt that it had been a very happy time.

# PROVINCIAL NEWS

## ALBERTA

MRS. D. S. MACKENZIE, 8809 112TH ST., EDMONTON, PRESS SECRETARY

CALGARY P.S. held its annual meeting January 27th, in Knox Church, Calgary. This was preceded by a prayer service in the North Hill Church on the evening of the 26th. The latter was unusually well attended. The reports at all the meetings were most encouraging. The Treasurer reported that the allocation had been exceeded by $139.37, and that $2,189.37 had been sent to the general fund.

From the reports of Secretaries we have the following information: There are 4 Y.W. Auxiliaries with 72 members and with contributions amounting to $198.00; C.G.I.T. Groups have 195 members and contributed $49.06; Mission Bands have 186 members in 6 Bands and contributed $187.41. All these organizations engage in various activities including mission study, needle work and calendar, candy and Christmas card selling. There are, 80 Home Helpers, who contributed $136.77; 269 subscriptions to *Glad Tidings*; 8 new Life Members, 9 Junior Members; and also many bales of clothing were sent to Vegreville, Fort McMurray, Pouce Coupe and Dixonville, total value, $170.32.

Bible readings were given by Mrs. Rogers, of Knox Church, and Mrs. Buchanan, of High River, and excellent addresses by Mrs. Gibson, Miss Campbell, Mrs. Craig, of Calgary, and others. Rev. Mr. Rogers, of Knox Church, spoke on the ''Supreme Work of the Church to Evangelize the Whole World.'' All the meetings were a great inspiration.

**Macleod P.S.**—The first annual meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church, Lethbridge, January 28th. Meetings were held morning and afternoon with delegates present from Medicine Hat, Granum, Jumbo Valley, Macleod and Lethbridge. Reports were read by the different Secretaries and all were pleased to know that the allocation had been raised. An inspiring address was given by the President, Mrs. Harback, of Vulcan. At the close of the afternoon session an interesting play was presented by the Mission Band of St. Andrew's Church.

The World Day of Prayer was very generally observed throughout the province.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

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VICTORIA P.S. annual meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church, Victoria. Mrs. Ledingham, Provincial President and Miss Lamont, Field Secretary, were welcome visitors. Miss Lamont spoke at the opening session, her address, on the call of the homeland for service, was one of inspiration and power. Mrs. J. F. McLean spoke of the Aim and Purpose of the W.M.S. At all the sessions the devotional spirit was manifest. Mrs. La Pointe, Presbyterial President, likened missionary work to a tree with firm roots, strong trunk and vigorous branches and leaves, grounded in truth, grown in faith, branches wide spread, its leaves for the healing of the nations. Mrs. Ledingham was very helpful in the devotions and in her words of encouragement and explanation of points of discussion. Miss Lamont's second talk on using the methods of successful salesmanship convinced her hearers that interest, membership and giving might be increased by the application of such principles to the work of the W.M.S.

Departmental reports indicated that faithful endeavor had been the motive in all branches. The Y.W.M.S., girls' organizations, and Mission Bands deserve special mention. Miss Scott gave an interesting report of work among the Chinese in Victoria and Miss Lee, newly appointed teacher, spoke briefly of her work. The installation of officers by Mrs. Ledingham was most impressive. With a new President, Mrs. A. G. MacDonald, formerly a well-known W.M.S. worker in Brandon, Man., and an efficient staff of officers, the Presbyterial enters the year with hope and faith.

Victoria Presbyterial has added to its numbers several new members and started out with zeal upon the work for 1932.

Miss Lamont has been a great help in Victoria and outside points. Mrs. Ledingham reports that: Nanaimo had a splendid annual meeting. They sent a generous subscription towards the allocation. Sooke W.M.S. reported a successful year. At Alberni, numbers are not large, but constancy and faith are ideals. A promising feature is a thriving Mission Band.

The Associate Society at Duncan mourn the death of their pastor, Rev. R. M. Rollo, early in February. The Church and community have lost much in the passing of one who served acceptably in the Master's vineyard.

**Westminster P. S.** eighteenth annual meeting was held in Vancouver Heights Presbyterian Church. The morning session was occupied with the address of the President, Mrs. R. M. Thomson, Departmental reports, and greetings from Rev. J. D. Cunningham. In the afternoon, Mrs. J. F. McLean, deaconess at large, spoke briefly, and Rev. Thomas Oswald gave an address on the nature and progress of the work throughout the Dominion. Mrs. G. Ledingham, Provincial President, conducted the election and installation of officers. In the evening, reports were given by the Secretaries of the Mission Band, Girls' work and Young Women's Groups, and addresses by Mrs. R. J. Douglas, on the Work in India, and by Rev. Alex Dunn.

Reports tell of well attended meetings at the World Day of Prayer. The service arranged for girls was used in many places. In Penticton, the girls and leaders of all denominations met in St. Andrew's Church, Sunday afternoon, February 14th, the church was well filled. The service made a special appeal to many of the girls, who have requested that a Sunday afternoon Bible Class be held each week.

St. Stephen's Auxiliary, Creston, regrets the passing of one of its esteemed members, Mrs. Fleetwood, whose death occurred in December. Her quiet, unostentatious piety and kindly helpfulness had endeared her to every one.

## MANITOBA

MRS. W. F. HOGARTH, 118 N. JOHN ST., FORT WILLIAM, ONT., PRESS SEC.

SUPERIOR P.S. held its annual meeting February 4th, in First Presbyterian Church, West Fort William. The President, Mrs. Ballantyne, presided. Reports were all very satisfactory. Mrs. Dean, Treasurer, reported $1,182 raised for all purposes. Mission Band Secretary reported 7 Bands, amount raised $118.15, supplies $21.90, 10 Junior Memberships and one seal. The banner for the highest givings per member goes to the ''Margaret Hogarth'' Band, First Church, West Fort William; the banner for best attendance to the ''Sunbeam'' Band, St. Andrew's Church, Fort William. The Welcome and Welfare Secretary reported 779 calls made. The Y.W. and C.G.I.T. Secretary reported 55 Y.W.A. members, contributed for missions $119.25, supplies $28.68; C.G.I.T. members 148, money raised $68.00, supplies $24.00. Home Helpers raised $146.33. The Exchange Secretary reported having sent literature and books to the road camps in the outlying districts. Supply Secretary reported bales to the value of $191.30, besides bales of goods sent to Saskatchewan. *Glad Tidings* Secretary reported 136 subscribers.

St. Andrew's Y.W. Guild held a shower in January, from which 17 hampers were filled and clothing and medicine given to needy families. Besides their givings to the W.M.S. they gave $100.00 to the Church Budget and sent a cash donation for Western relief. The Y.W. Guild, of Port Arthur, placed an organ in the church, financed a girl in camp, gave donations to needy family and paid rent for family and sent cash to Western relief. Our young women's organizations are to be commended on the broadness of their work. Being Associate Societies they feel they can help the local churches and still do missionary work.

The President gave an inspiring address, stressing the fact that all are responsible for the spread of the gospel and the ''Go ye'' is as important as ever. She introduced the speaker of the day, Rev. Hugh MacMillan, of Formosa. He was a very welcome guest and gave a wonderful insight into the work as it is carried on in Formosa.

The World Day of Prayer was observed by the women of Fort William and Port Arthur, in the different churches.

The Mission Bands of the two cities are preparing used post cards and Christmas cards to send to Rev. Allan Reoch, in Manchuria. These are to be used as gifts for scripture memory work.

## ONTARIO

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### Provincial Annual Meeting

DELEGATES are expected to arrive at St. Paul's Church, Peterborough, on Monday evening, April 18th, for registration. The Round Table Conference will be held at 4 p.m. and the meeting of the Board of Management and Presbyterial Corresponding Secretaries at 7.30 p.m., April 18th.

### Railway Information

Going tickets and certificates will be issued April 14th to April 19th, inclusive, and properly validated certificates will be honored for tickets for the return journey up to and including April 25th. Delegates will please remember to buy a single first class ticket, asking at time of purchase for a standard certificate.

**Barrie P.S.**—The World Day of Prayer was observed by most of the Auxiliaries, the published programme being used. Collingwood Auxiliary reports a large attendance at this meeting.

**Brockville P.S.**—The ''Searchlight'' Mission Band, Cardinal, held a successful tea and sale of fancy work on February 20th, under the leadership of Mrs. C. V. Nesbitt.

**Guelph P.S.**—The annual meeting held in St. Andrew's Church, February 3rd, had a large attendance, Auxiliaries being well represented. Departmental reports were encouraging, especially those from Girls' Organizations and Mission Bands, with Auxiliaries showing increased interest. Mrs. Charles Thorburn, Ottawa, was the special speaker, and conducted the installation of officers.

**Kingston P.S.**—The annual meeting held in Trenton, February 4th, had a smaller attendance than usual, owing to transportation difficulties. Many departmental reports showed advancement. Mrs. Wm. Ekins, Hespeler, conducted a conference on girls' work, also giving an address. Miss Gladys Simmons, Kingston, gave an account of the Quadrennial Convention of the Student Volunteer Movement, held at Buffalo.

**Lanark and Renfrew P.S.**—The annual meeting was held in Pembroke, January 28th and 29th, with a good attendance. Reports from the various Secretaries showed encouraging work being done, with marked progress in the young people's department. Mrs. W. A. McLennan, Provincial President, gave two helpful addresses. Miss Bertha McEwan spoke of the Provincial meeting in Windsor, and Mr. A. Hawtin, India, gave an illustrated lecture. A pageant ''Loyal Workers'' was presented by the Jolly Juniors Mission Band. The closing message was given by the President, Mrs. C. S. Bootes.

**Sarnia P.S.**—At the Executive meeting, in January, reports showed givings of $4,172.92, supplies of new goods valued at $529.19, 17 Life Members, 2 in Memoriam Certificates and 511 *Glad Tidings* subscribers. Instructive addresses were given in four sections of the Presbyterial by Miss Laura Pelton.

## In Memoriam

Brockville Presbyterial and Prescott Auxiliary record the passing, on February 14th, of Mrs. John Dowsley, a beloved pioneer in missionary activities. In 1885 she assisted in organizing Brockville Presbyterial. For eighteen years she was President of the Presbyterial and for the last nineteen years Honorary President. Her passing is keenly felt by all the Auxiliaries, but her work goes on.

## QUEBEC

MRS. J. D. ANDERSON, 108 ELLICE ST., BEAUHARNOIS, PRESS SECRETARY

MONTREAL P.S.—The eighteenth annual meeting was held in MacVicar Memorial Church, Montreal, February 2nd and 3rd, Mrs. A. W. Lamb in the chair. Welcome was extended by Mrs. J. G. Potter, and greetings from the Provincial Board by Mrs. I. C. Sharp. Reports from Departmental Secretaries were presented. The Corresponding Secretary said that a spirit of hopefulness characterized every report she had received.

There are 37 Auxiliaries, with a membership of 1,372; 12 Y. W. Auxiliaries and 4 associate groups with a membership of 252; 25 'Teen Age groups, numbering 277 members; 28 Mission Bands with 980 members; 43 Home Helpers with 941 members; total membership 3,822, an increase over the previous year. Three new Mission Bands were added. During 1931, 8 Honorary Members, 37 Life Members, 8 In Memoriams, 21 Junior Certificates and seals were added. One Life Member is a great-granddaughter of the late Mrs. G. A. Grier, who was President of the W.M.S. for 22 years. Value of supplies $1,880.70. This did not include quantities of used clothing sent to needy areas in the west.

The President, in her address, dwelt on the ''Three R's of the W.M.S.''—Resources, Reports, Responsibilities. Mr. A. Hawtin, of India, was the speaker Tuesday afternoon, and, at the evening meeting, showed excellent views of the Industrial Farm at Jhansi.

Wednesday morning, a discussion *re* the possibility of forming another Presbyterial took place. The election of officers and consecration prayer brought the meeting to a close. Changes in officers: President, Mrs. Arthur W. Pae; Secretaries—Rec., Mrs. E. S. Harding; Ass't. Home Helpers, Mrs. G. White Smith; Ass't. Mission Band, Miss Lillian Morton; Supply, Mrs. M. E. Pritchard; Mission Band and Girls' Work Supply, Mrs. W. Roland Kennedy.

### Young Women's Rally

The Young Women's Rally in connection with the annual meeting of the W.M.S. was held February 1st, in Knox-Crescent lecture hall with a good attendance including representatives of all the Young Women's and Junior Auxiliaries. Mrs. W. J. Fowlie presided. Devotions were conducted by Miss M. R. Imrie and Miss Margaret MacNaughton. The roll call, when each Auxiliary gave a report of the year's activities, was in charge of Miss Dorothy Coles. Mrs. David Scott, wife of the pastor, welcomed the gathering.

Miss Jean Cowan, Girls' Work Secretary, outlined changes in methods of work among 'teen age girls, calculated to achieve more unity in the training. The basis of the work, she pointed out, is leadership, and she made an appeal for development of this factor. Miss Laura K. Pelton, Field Secretary, gave an inspiring address on the subject, ''How Far Will You Adventure?'' She emphasized the attitude of stewardship, which she explained as ''a consciousness of life as a trust from God to be lived with and for Him.'' She urged her hearers to adventure far enough to put the work of the W.M.S. before pleasure when necessary, to give of their time, energy and talents to make the coming year one of the best in the history of the Society.

**Quebec P.S.** annual meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church Kirk Hall, Quebec City. The President, Miss R. R. Scott, gave an instructive address on the work of the W.M.S. The report of Mrs. Johnstone, Corresponding Secretary, was greatly appreciated. Miss L. Sinclair, Provincial Corresponding Secretary, gave an inspiring address on ''Bringing the World to Christ.'' Great regret was expressed at the absence, through illness, of Mrs. Owen Campbell. Mr. Hawtin's illustrated address, at the evening session, was listened to by a large and appreciative audience. At the dedication of officers, Dr. A. M. Gordon, pastor of St. Andrew's Church, offered the dedicatory prayer. For the next three years the Presbyterial Executive will meet in Sherbrooke.

## SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. E. G. D. MACEACHERN, 1934 VICTORIA AVE., REGINA, PRESS SECRETARY

REGINA P.S.—The Provincial Executive met in First Church, Regina, on February 16th. The President, Mrs. H. R. Horne, presided. The general impression after hearing departmental reports was that despite unfavorable conditions, a most successful year's work had been accomplished. There was a slight decrease in contributions but almost every department showed an increase in membership. All present were interested in hearing of Mrs. Walter Martin's work among the Chinese in Saskatchewan.

Special guests at the luncheon hour were Rev. Hugh MacMillan, of the Theological College, Formosa, Rev. H. R. Horne, Superintendent of Missions for Western Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and Rev. S. Farley, of First Church, Regina. Rev. Mr. MacMillan addressed the gathering on his work among the students in Formosa.

The ''Jubilee'' Mission Band, of Heward, held its first meeting January 24th. The Young People's Society held their first meeting January 27th, when the new officers for the coming year were installed. Short papers were read on ''Life of David Livingstone'', ''Birtle Indian School'' and the ''Life and Work of Dr. Caroline Macdonald.''

Northside and First Presbyterian, Regina, and Heward Auxiliaries followed the programme of prayer and preparation for the year's work as outlined in the *Glad Tidings*.

The ''Morning Star'' Mission Band, Northside Church, contributed two hundred inches of pennies at their January meeting.

Word has been received from a number of Auxiliaries, stating that at the January meeting they followed the programme as outlined in the *Glad Tidings* of that month and all reported a very helpful meeting.

The World Day of Prayer Service, February 12th, was well attended by women of all denominations and very generous offerings were received. In many places the girls and young women met and followed the special service prepared for them.

**Prince Albert-Saskatoon P.S.**—Rev. Jas. Strachan, of First Baptist Church, addressed the W.M.S. of St. Andrew's Church, Saskatoon, at their January meeting. Mrs. Grant, newly elected President of Saskatoon Presbyterial, spoke on the ''Life of St. Paul'' at the February meeting of Parkview W.M.S. Rev. J. S. Flook spoke on present conditions in China and Japan.

**Moose Jaw P.S.** Executive met January 28th, in Knox Church, Moose Jaw, with fourteen members present. Mrs. H. A. Stavely, Weyburn, presided. All Secretaries reported good work although in many cases the allocations had not been met. Mrs. A. E. F. McLean, Weyburn, Corresponding Secretary, reported on the organizations.

The Mission Band of St. Paul's Church, Moose Jaw, met at the home of Mrs. D. C. Munro, where they were afterwards entertained at dinner. Moose Jaw Auxiliary have arranged that one of its members visit the Mission Band at its regular monthly meetings.

## LANTERN SLIDES

The Indian set, entitled ''The Little Brown Brother'', is ready for use. It has some 23 slides and deals with the Presbyterian Church and its work among the Indians.

A new set of about 30 slides, on the Gwalior and Bhil fields, India, will be ready the 1st of April. These are all new pictures and were obtained from Mrs. Hawtin, Miss Ellen Douglas and Miss C. Moodie, to whom our thanks are due.

Please apply early to the Provincial Lantern Slide Secretaries and kindly return promptly because others are waiting.

—*J. Florence Lang, Secretary.*

## NEW ORGANIZATIONS

### Ontario

**Toronto P.S.**—Thornhill Junior Mission Band.

### Saskatchewan

**Prince Albert-Saskatoon P.S.**—Parkview Mission Band, Saskatoon.

# Treasurer's Statement

*January and February, 1932*

## RECEIPTS

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| A Friend | $ 1.00 |
| A Friend, "Deaconess in Poland" | 15.00 |
| A Friend, "Fort McMurray Hospital" | 27.75 |
| A Friend, "Chinese Work in Toronto" | 40.00 |
| Evangel Hall, "Deaconess in Poland, M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home, and Formosa" | 30.00 |
| Mrs. A. B. Smith, Lyndoch, Ont. | 10.00 |
| Miss I. McDonald, "Work in Northern Ontario" | 5.00 |
| Interest on Bond, "Scholarship for Boy in Miss Robson's School" | 25.00 |
| Pension | 15.10 |
| Rent of House at Vegreville, Alta. | 30.00 |
| Refund on Lantern Slides | 3.50 |
| Refund on Exchange | 60.72 |
| Government grant, "Cecilia Jeffrey I.R.S." | 5,040.34 |
| Government grant, Birtle | 4,675.00 |
| PROVINCIAL GIVINGS: | |
| Ontario | 3,800.00 |
| Quebec | 650.00 |
| | $14,428.41 |

## DISBURSEMENTS

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| South Porcupine Hospital | $ 550.00 |
| McMurray Hospital | 296.66 |
| Canora | 1,203.19 |
| Vegreville | 623.75 |
| Chinese in Canada | 1,489.14 |
| "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian School | 1,465.39 |
| Birtle Indian School | 1,352.32 |
| Mistawasis Indian School | 264.00 |
| Government grant paid to "Cecilia Jeffrey" I.R.S. | 5,040.34 |
| Government grant paid to Birtle | 4,675.00 |
| Presbyterian Residences: | |
| Huntingdon | 265.32 |
| New Liskeard | 136.66 |
| Saskatoon | 444.98 |
| Prince Albert | 208.32 |
| Vegreville | 868.68 |
| Welcome and Welfare | 2,378.31 |
| Formosa | 739.52 |
| South China | 191.66 |
| India, Bhil | 1,500.00 |
| India, Gwalior | 20.00 |
| British Guiana | 167.50 |
| Library | 131.92 |
| Publications | 1,241.66 |
| Organization | 1,633.32 |
| Candidates | 183.50 |
| Supplies | 33.75 |
| Miscellaneous | 241.40 |
| Pensions | 183.32 |
| Church Extension | 150.00 |
| Student | 3.00 |
| New Missionaries | 288.38 |
| Deputation | 222.83 |
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# Editorial

THE General Board of Missions of the Presbyterian Church in Canada met in St. Andrew's Institute, Toronto, March 15th. The sessions were presided over by the Rev. A. J. MacGillivray, D.D., of Guelph, acting convener. Dr. A. S. Grant was Secretary. The high note of optimism struck at the opening session was maintained throughout the meetings. The representation was Dominion wide, including ministers, Synods Home Missions conveners, missionaries on furlough, seven members of our W.M.S. and two from the Eastern Division—Mrs. A. D. Falconer, and, substituting for the President, Miss Jean MacGregor, whose brief service as Girls' Work Secretary was so very acceptable.

Pioneering never loses its power to thrill, and the members of the Board were greatly impressed as they listened to the report of the work on the frontier, as it was unfolded by the Synodical missionaries. There was romance in the story told of the work of Margaret Strang, the young doctor, who gave up a lucrative practice in Ontario, because it was too easy, and offered for service in the Peace River District. Her home is a log cabin, erected by the people of the community. In addition to her medical and dental work, Dr. Strang organized a Sunday School and Church service at Beeton Creek and Dixonville and, to increase a neighborly spirit and co-operation, instituted a monthly community night, the programmes being provided by local talent. Travelling mostly on horseback, this intrepid pioneer medical missionary is confronted with the challenge of ministering to a people scattered over an area of 500 to 600 square miles. Thrilling, too, was the story of the heroic work accomplished at Pouce Coupe by our pioneer deaconess, Miss Hazel Macdonald. In season and out of season, and even in the face of almost insurmountable difficulties she has continued to minister to a scattered and needy flock.

The expansion of the work in this vast district was described by Rev. E. A. Wright, in an interesting report. The dedication of the new Church at Grande Prairie linked past and present in an unbroken chain, for the site for the new church was the gift of Dr. A. Forbes, of Teeswater, a pioneer missionary of our Church, who went to Grande Prairie in 1910, the journey from Fort Saskatchewan to Grande Prairie taking 73 days. Now the distance may be covered in a few hours by aeroplane.

British Columbia, termed ''the skyline Province'' was spoken of with optimism by the Synodical Missionary, Rev. R. J. Douglas, D.D. To quote his words: ''There are many indications that with the return to normal business conditions, there will be a period of industrial expansion in British Columbia and the opportunity for the Presbyterian Church is as large as they are able to make it.''

''The Presbyterian Church still lives in Saskatchewan,'' declared Rev. H. R. Horne, Synodical Missionary for Saskatchewan, in a report vibrating with optimism over the achievements in the west, despite the background of economic depression. He claimed that with the aid received from the special fund for salary arrears, all congregations and mission fields had carried on. Instead of a story of retrenchment, he gave examples of several congregations in southern and northern Saskatchewan preparing to build churches, and of new preaching stations being opened. The story of one field, Arlington Beach, deserves mention. Due to crop failure, it could not meet the salary of a student preacher and the people offered to run the field themselves, under the leadership of a consecrated elder. The report from the field for the summer showed 15 children and 20 adults baptized and 65 received into the Church, on profession of faith, a work perhaps unequalled anywhere on a mission field.'' Speaking of relief work, Mr. Horne told of as many as 400 families sharing in the contents of just one of the Presbyterian cars, of the 700 boxes and parcels and over 190 bales, each weighing over 175 pounds, sent to 24 different points from Toronto headquarters alone, while from Regina went a total of 608 bales, reaching 880 families, 5,000 individuals, and involving the writing by hand of 700 letters.

The progress of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa in six and one-half years was related by Rev. A. S. Reid, D.D. Of the 43 minority groups in 1925, 39 now have churches with a net property value of approximately $500,000. The combined membership of these groups at the time of their organization was 4,220. In 1931 they totalled 7,520, an increase of 78 per cent.

Equally heartening messages were received from the representatives of Manitoba and the Maritimes.

Deeply impressive was the presentation to the Board by the Candidates Secretary, Mrs. D. I. Grant, of the five young missionaries appointed by the W.M.S. to service at home and overseas. They were: Miss M. E. MacVey, to teaching service in the Girls' School, Formosa; Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy, R.N., to the Bhil Field, India; Miss M. E. McKechnie, R.N., to Jhansi, India; Miss Iris M. Errey, R.N., to Manchuria; and Miss Julia G.

Maystrowich, to work among the Ukrainians in Toronto. Equally impressive was the appointment, at a later session, of 84 students to service in the mission fields in Canada this summer.

War and missions might well be used as the title for the report of work in many overseas fields. It was a gripping story which Rev. Z. K. Zia, representative of our Church in China, told of Shanghai, in the throes of war—his house in the midst of warfare and fire, and his wife and family of four children fleeing for their lives. Although written in ''China's most sorrowful time,'' the report told of encouraging work, sales steady, 68 new books published, and 65,000 copies of the children's magazines issued in January.

In Manchuria, banditry was prevalent, and fighting had taken place near the Mission. But never have the hearts of the people been more open to the gospel.

Notwithstanding the political unrest and depression problems in India, mission work is going quietly on, necessary buildings have been erected and the staff strengthened.

Formosa claimed special attention for, sixty years ago, on April 10, 1872, Dr. George Leslie Mackay began work in unbroken heathenism in Tamsui. Since that time progress has been maintained and our Church carries on evangelistic, medical and educational work with a staff of 25 ministers, doctors, nurses, teachers and a large number of native helpers.

The Very Reverend, the Moderator of the General Assembly, W. G. Brown, M.A., B.D., and Mrs. Brown, will be present at the Diamond Jubilee. The Moderator will bear the greetings of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Mrs. Brown cordial greetings of the W.M.S.

Reports on the work among the thousands of Koreans in Japan, among the people in British Guiana, also among the Scandinavian, Jewish, Hungarian, Italian and Ukrainians were heard, and all struck the same note of courage and cheer. Although no work can be extended this year, the feeling was expressed that all lines would be held.

In honor of the memory of the Rev. D. R. Drummond, D.D., Convener of the Board for some years, and one of the great leaders of our Church, and other faithful members who had been called home during the year, the Board set apart a special period for the reading of tributes to their life and the distinctive service each had been privileged to render:— Mrs. D. E. McDonald, India; Rev. C. McVicar Thorburn, **Pictou Presbytery, N.S.; Rev. M. White, D.D., Synodical Missionary for Alberta; Rev. D. R. Drummond, D.D., Hamilton; Mr. C. S. McDonald, Toronto; Mr. John Penman, Paris.**

ON the conclusion of the Board of Missions the following official communication was received by the President of our W.M.S.:—

*Dear Mrs. Strachan:*

I have been requested to convey to you, as President of The Women's Missionary Society, Western Division, the sincere appreciation of the General Board of Missions, for the splendid work that is being carried on throughout our Church by your Women's Society, and it affords me great pleasure to forward this communication.

Yours sincerely,
A. S. GRANT.

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COVERLESS—our readers will be surprised to see that the *Glad Tidings* has taken off its pretty coat. This alteration in its appearance is due to the necessity for economy. Several propositions were considered by the Editorial Committee and the decision was, that it would be wiser to do without the cover, for a time, than increase the subscription price. We trust that the contents will prove as acceptable as heretofore, and that all our Auxiliaries will say what the President of one of our large Auxiliaries said, ''I would like to assure Miss Fraser that we will love the *Glad Tidings* as much with its coat off as we do with it on.''

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WORK among the new Canadians has been strengthened by two appointments: Miss Julia G. Maystrowich, to work among the Ukrainians and Mrs. Frank Kovacs, to minister to the Hungarians. Miss Maystrowich is a Ukrainian by birth, and a former resident of Edmonton. Six years ago she came to Toronto and entered the Technical School, and later the Deaconess Training Home from which she recently graduated. Mrs. Frank Kovacs, the other appointee, is eminently qualified for this work. She has taken a thorough course in Paedogogy, has taught in a school for the blind and was engaged for some time in social work among refugees and returned soldiers. Added to this is an innate love for children and young people as she knows them in Canada and knew them in Hungary. Mrs. Kovacs is the wife of Rev. Frank Kovacs, the well known Hungarian minister in Hamilton.

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IN the heart of one Field Secretary's report we found the following gem. Such examples of loyalty and devotion put iron into the hearts of the discouraged and are a sure foundation for a strong church.

''The new Macleod Presbyterial is carrying on bravely with unusual handicaps. The President lives 45 miles from her nearest Auxiliary and

Church. Another Presbyterial officer, living 12 miles from a Protestant Church, is instrumental in keeping a Sunday School going in the school house in her district, and had a W.M.S. organized among the women. Notwithstanding these difficulties, and the fact that they are in the dried out area, where gasoline to run cars is a luxury, they made their allocation for 1931.''

OUR members will be sorry to learn that illness has necessitated the return to Canada of Miss Bertha Robson, our beloved missionary in the Bhil Field, India. The Council Executive were aware of Miss Robson's ill-health and cabled her to come home immediately, although her furlough was not due for another year. Mrs. C. P. Young, of Mendha, accompanied her to Canada. Shall we not all pray for the restoration to health of this missionary so dear to the Bhil people and all who know her?

WE would draw the attention of our readers to the splendid article on page 189 by Dr. E. G. MacBeth, of Vancouver. Born in Kildonan, on the Red River, Dr. MacBeth knew the Indians to the westward and was amongst them in peace and war. While we regret that this story did not come in time for the ''Indian'' numbers, we are delighted to have it for the Girls and Leaders page, particularly as their interest is being centered on the Indians this year.

AN impressive service was witnessed by a large congregation, in High Park Presbyterian Church, Toronto, on the evening of April 14th, when Mr. Frank W. Dean, was designated to serve in the Presbyterian Mission, Jhansi, India, as an industrial and agricultural missionary. The service was conducted by Toronto Presbytery, Rev. G. M. Dunn, the Moderator, presiding. The devotions were in charge of Rev. John McNab, minister of the Church, and the sermon was preached by Rev. T. B. Skene, clerk of Presbytery. Rev. James Wilson, D.D., and Dr. A. S. Grant then addressed the missionary elect and extended the right hand of fellowship. Mr. McNab, on behalf of friends and members of the Church presented Mr. Dean with a wrist watch, suitably engraved. He will also receive a Bible. Great pleasure was expressed over the appointment of Mr. Dean to this important work which was begun and successfully carried on by the late Dr. John Wilkie.

DEATH has removed from the ranks of the W.M.S. three members who rendered pioneer and heroic service in the early days of the W.M.S.—Mrs. William Barclay McMurrich, of Toronto, who lived to be 91 years of age; Mrs. Samuel Lyle, of Hamilton, the first Vice-President of the W.M.S. which she helped to organize in Hamilton in 1877; and Miss Annie McLaren, of St. Mary's, who served in the Birtle Indian School for twenty-five years. These faithful workers were spared to see the tree they helped to plant and nourish grow and increase in size and strength.

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AT this season everybody is planning their gardens or looking with pleasure at bulbs and plants and shrubs breaking into bud. In the dried out areas of the west there are women who also love gardens, but they look in vain for the sight of a flower. Why not write your friends in the dried out area and offer to help them make ''the desert blossom like a rose''. This is a personal service members can render their friends. If, however, you prefer to send seeds and plants through the relief commission, they should be addressed to C. B. Daniel, Chairman, Saskatchewan Relief Commission, Regina Trading Building.

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MISS MARY MOORE, Secretary of the Women's Missionary Association of the English Presbyterian Church, who has been visiting in the Far East, spent a few days in Toronto on her way home to England. Although her visit came when the Board of Missions was in session, several of the members of the Council Executive had the opportunity of hearing and meeting this interesting and widely travelled missionary co-worker.

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VEGREVILLE Hospital is rejoicing not only in new linoleum for the kitchen floor, but in a new floor as well. This splendid gift came from their good friends of the Hospital Aid.

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THE enlarged meeting of the Council Executive will be held in the Canadian School of Missions, 97 St. George Street, Toronto, May 26th. The programme, we understand, will follow the plan of that of 1930 which proved so helpful and acceptable to both Secretaries and delegates.

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*"Exquisitely tender, absolutely true;*
*Understanding all things, understanding you;*
*Infinitely loving, comfortingly near;*
*This is God, your Father, what have you to fear?"*

*—From Homemaker, Toronto Globe.*

# Our National Mission Work

### A Summary of what was Accomplished in 1931

## Hospitals

VEGREVILLE, ALTA.—The ''Rolland M. Boswell'' Hospital of which Miss McPherson is the capable Superintendent, had 369 patients during 1931. Medical cases numbered 205, surgical 92, and obstetrical 72. The financial statement was very satisfactory, considering conditions in western Canada. Naturally, there were a large number of non-paying patients, but they gave of what they had—wood, meat, and farm produce—thus showing their desire to meet their obligations.

The ''Eastern Star'', of Vegreville completely refurnished the case room, at an outlay of $200.00 and have undertaken to keep it properly equipped. This will be of inestimable value to the obstetrical department. The ''Hospital Aid'' has given new rugs for the semi-private wards, and for the nurses' bedrooms. This continued interest and help is much appreciated by the staff and Council Executive.

*CANORA, SASK.*—The ''Hugh Waddell Memorial'' Hospital reports 527 patients, which is considerably less than 1930, due mainly to financial depression. As in previous years, the surgical department has seen the heaviest service—209 operations being performed, with only two deaths following operation. There were 70 obstetrical cases, with a percentage of 94.2 living births. All babies, whose mothers had not been able to provide an outfit for them, were given complete layettes sent in by the W.M.S.

Two bales of second-hand clothing from the Supply Department were used for needy families in the community, and for cases leaving the hospital, requiring warm clothing. The regular W.M.S. hospital supplies were most satisfactory. Books and periodicals have been greatly appreciated. A generous donation of cocoa was received from the Saskatchewan Relief Committee. As part of our district is in the drought area, the hospital is receiving from the Committee, a grant of 25c. a day, per patient, for those from that area.

Miss Cuddy resumed her position as Superintendent in November. The splendid way in which Miss Cameron carried on the work of the hospital during her absence is recorded.

*FORT McMURRAY, ALTA.*—The work here is erratic, for weeks there may be nothing of importance, then the cases arrive one after another until Miss Ross, the Superintendent has three. Often when there are no cases in the hospital, Miss Ross is called out, that means a visit of a week or until the patient has recuperated. In the early part of the year there were 2 maternity cases in the hospital, then a very bad accident case. Miss

Ross also had a patient with stomach trouble. His case required careful diet, so she taught him how to make bran muffins. For weeks the weather was exceptionally cold. Down the river where many trappers are domiciled for the winter it was extremely treacherous for they had many bad blizzards. If a man went to see his traps, his footmarks were immediately covered over, and he had a poor chance of finding his way back to camp. One man crawled to another camp with both hands and feet frozen. The owner of the camp immediately hitched his dog team and drove him to the hospital, a distance of ten miles. On arrival, Miss Ross found he was practically starved for he had kept himself awake for five days eating birch bark and snow. Miss Ross reports that his limbs have been saved and he is most grateful for the attention he received. Besides the duties of nurse Miss Ross conducted a Sunday School class and played the organ.

Little boy delivering milk to Fort McMurray Hospital

She also had the young girls every Friday evening. First of all they had sewing classes, then one night a month was devoted to singing and spiritual work.

*SOUTH PORCUPINE, ONT.*—Due to the widespread depression, the lumbering industry has been closed, throwing hundreds out of work. Fortunately, the Dome Mine Company, the chief employer of labor in the district, is operating with a full crew which would indicate that conditions are not getting worse. With things in this condition, Miss Wenger, the Superintendent, endeavored to operate the hospital as economically as possible, only the most necessary outlay was made on the building. Number of patients treated was 192, besides 21 babies. Of this number 58 were Roman Catholic and 134 Protestants; 119 were British subjects and 73 foreigners. There were 25 major and 72 minor operations, 21 obstetrical cases, 23 accident and 52 medical cases. The hospital has also helped those in want and at Christmas sent ten large boxes of toys, Christmas gifts and clothing to needy families. These gifts came in the hospital bales.

## Presbyterian Residences

THIS Department appears, this year, under a new title. It was felt that ''School Home'' did not quite describe the kind of work we were doing and the Council meeting, in Winnipeg, decided to change the name to ''Presbyterian Residence.''

*VEGREVILLE, ALTA.*—The year began with a good attendance which was maintained till June, but in September a change was noted in the character of our work. The local school board insisted that all school fees should be paid in advance and this ruling cut off the attendance of most of the high school boys. The high school girls have also found it necessary to take positions with families in the town, working for their board while attending school. This leaves much younger girls and boys. This is not a calamity for as the twig is bent so will the tree grow. The high school pupils who attended during the spring term did well in their June examinations. Three of the girls are attending Normal in Edmonton. They are Ukrainian, and we feel sure will go back to their people carrying the light of the gospel. In our Mission school all of the children passed with high averages. The Sunday School and Mission Band have also been active, fifty awards for memory work having been given in the former. From the Mission Band $38.01 was sent to the Presbyterial Treasurer, representing much self denial on the part of the contributors. Among other visitors was Dr. J. K. Smith of the Bible Society, who was delighted that the Ukrainian pupils were learning the scriptures from their own Bibles and that they were anxious that their parents should also have a Bible. The different holidays were observed. On Victoria Day an impressive service was held on the lawn when the Union Jack was raised and saluted.

High School Girls at Vegreville Residence

*''LUCY M. BAKER'' RESIDENCE, PRINCE ALBERT, SASK.*—The spring term opened with an attendance of 11, four of whom were wards of the Residence. Two of these were girls from the Indian Residential

School, Birtle, Man., who were sent to Prince Albert by the Department so that they might not fall behind in their work while the school at Birtle was closed. As the new building was opened in the fall they returned there, having done very well, considering the difference in the school systems, and the fact that they had entered late in the term. Of the other two wards, one has entered the Hamilton General Hospital to train as a nurse and her sister expects to take the same course when she has finished high school. To foster a school spirit and form a bond between past and present pupils, the ''Lucy Baker'' Club was formed this year and has proved a source of interest and enjoyment.

*SASKATOON, SASK.*—Situated in the southern part of Saskatchewan, where the effects of the crop failure have been most apparent, 1931 was a continual struggle to cope with falling revenue. Overhead costs were cut as far as possible and every expenditure scrutinized. The number of students has been reduced more than half, but who can tell if the closer intimacy resulting from the smaller number may not have a more lasting influence on the life of each girl. The students took high marks in their examinations and one of last year's Normal students was one of the few to be appointed to a school.

*NEW LISKEARD, ONT.*—The year closed with 10 on the roll, just twice the number at the end of June. The personalities and ambitions of the students are varied. One Russian girl, who taught school for two years, is working hard to complete her high school course. There is also one Finnish girl. Three of the pupils took prominent parts in a Shakespeare play put on by the high school and one girl has been chosen to take part in an inter-school debate with Englehart, Haileybury and Cobalt, on the Russian question. Four girls and one boy united with the Church.

*HUNTINGDON, QUE.*—Last year there were more applications from girls than could be accepted, while two beds in the boys' dormitory are empty, a reversal of things. When the commencement exercises for the public and high school were held it was found that every one of the 28 pupils had been promoted, and those taking examinations had passed successfully. The girls and boys have taken a keen interest in the various activities of St. Andrew's Church, three of them being in the choir. During the fall term a sewing class was organized for the girls and a prize given for the most progress made. Thanks are due to Auxiliaries, Mission Bands, and friends who have contributed books, magazines and gifts to the Residence, especially to ladies in Montreal who provided beautiful gifts for the Christmas tree, most of them ready boxed.

## Indian Residential Schools

THE year 1931 has seen our work again at normal, with an increased number of children under our care. There are yet many Indian boys and girls without school privileges, in pagan homes, and each year sees more of these recruited.

*BIRTLE, MAN.*—In the early months of the year, the staff at Birtle Indian Residential School continued their contacts with neighboring reserves, as the old school was closed. A day school and visiting nurse were provided by the W.M.S. When the Board of Missions, who carry on the work on reserves, decided to place two women to minister to Pipestone Reserve, the W.M.S. provided staff and salaries until midsummer.

Indian family waiting for church to begin

The event of the year was the opening of the new Residential School, a building with a frontage of 180 feet and a depth of 150 feet on the 835 acre farm, of which the W.M.S. gave the 35 acres and the government purchased the remainder. The school cost around $165,000, all from government funds. For this, and many and constant evidences of real interest on the part of the Indian Department, we wish to express appreciative thanks. The Minister of the Interior, Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, Superintendent, and other government officials have been unfailing in giving time and counsel.

Mr. Currie's energetic recruiting filled the school at once, seven pupils from Mistawasis, being also accommodated, as we have no school in Saskatchewan.

The dedication of the new building took place on October 29th, conducted by Brandon Presbytery. The people of the locality attended in large numbers, some coming from a great distance, and the interest shown in the occasion by our Indian friends was evinced by the pitching of some fifty tents near by. So great a gathering required a second day of meetings to admit those unable to get in the first day. The chapel, intended for 200, was filled with many times its contemplated number. The building contains school class rooms, and living, dining and dormitory room for 125.

The children attend Church and Sunday School in Birtle. Bibles were given to every pupil at the New Year, through the kindness of the W.M.S. Library Department. The Secretary marked special verses and wrote a message in each of the 125 sent, giving the gift a personal touch in the name of the W.M.S.

*''CECILIA JEFFREY'', KENORA, ONT.*—The declared policy of Mr. Byers, Principal of ''Cecilia Jeffrey'' School, is (1) developing initiative in the pupil; (2) teaching Christianity. Reports of the school show decided progress along both lines. The system of group responsibility placed upon Bands, each with a chief and 2 councillors, elected by ballot, has worked well. A keener sense of co-operation is aroused, discipline is more efficiently maintained by student interest in its promotion, and greater tidiness, cleanliness and promptness is the result, as each band realizes what joint carrying into practice ideals may mean.

Thirty-three professed their faith and joined the Presbyterian Church in Kenora; 80 per cent. of these have parents still pagan in belief. It gives one rather a shock to realize that for the first time pupils in the ''Cecilia Jeffrey'' School have been within reach of an organized congregation where they might be baptized and become communicants. This is another good result of moving the site near Kenora. Eighteen of these pupils have become Sunday School teachers and are most earnest in their task.

The brass band of 8 members has improved in tone production, and with others has conducted services for whites on the main highway, a new type of missionary service.

In this district there are 1,222 Indians under 21, but only 473 are enrolled in schools of all denominations. Mr. Byers has done fine work on the treaty trips in gathering in these boys and girls and visiting the homes, accompanied by Mrs. Byers and a nurse.

*MISTAWASIS IMPROVED DAY SCHOOL, SASK.*—The Rev. W. Moore has continued as minister to this reserve, and as school master as well. Twenty-five have been in attendance at various times of the year. Seven of these were sent to Birtle Indian Residential School after midsummer. The children take great interest in the Church and Sunday School activities, and the Mission House and Church are the happy centres of their lives. Chief Dreaver never abates his interest in the religious welfare of the tribe, and never spares himself in trying to secure their best interests.

Appreciation is expressed at the action of the Board of S. S. and Y. P. S., in providing the Schools with copies of *The Challenge* and *Young Canada* (illustrated in large part by Stephen Landon, a graduate of ''Cecilia Jeffrey'' Indian Residential School).

The hope of the W.M.S. is that these first Canadians may grow in grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Welcome and Welfare and Deaconess Department

STATISTICAL records would appear to lessen the work of this department, but, as in other branches of our Society's work, figures do not in any sense estimate the real accomplishment. The Secretary is convinced that never before has our Church needed, and been so largely served by the Welcome and Welfare and Deaconess Department. Speaking at the General Assembly last year, the Rev. J. R. Forgan, official representative of the Church of Scotland, made special reference to our port work, the welcome and care of our newcomers, and the making possible the worship of the God of their fathers to the lads and lassies from the old land. By reason of limited immigration there has been more time for personal visiting, and the opportunities presented a very real challenge to our Presbyterian fellowship. Many of our people have experienced their first anxiety and need in a new land and among strangers, and when in almost desperate circumstances have been befriended and helped, and many have been the expressions of gratitude for the kindness shown them in their time of distress. Books might be filled with details of visits made to the sick, in their homes or in hospitals, of the gifts from the generous supply departments, the layettes fashioned so beautifully, the nourishing food, the gifts of clothing and even financial assistance. These things have been done and will continue to be done in the same spirit of sisterly love, as long as our people shall need.

Children at Gonor Mission, Man. Mrs. MacKenzie says, "No depression here. All objectives including the 'One Step Forward' will be met."

Provincial reports show, that as the same conditions have prevailed everywhere, so the same services have been rendered. Personal calls were made wherever possible, and letters and literature sent to those living in distant places, and from some of these grateful acknowledgement has been received. Total number of names received was 3,114; visits made 16,706; letters written 1,072, number of those connecting with the Church or Sunday School in any way through the Department was 1,450. Our present staff numbers 19—16 permanent, one part time and 2 doing summer work.

## Chinese in Canada

VICTORIA.—In spite of the unsettling effect of changes in the staff, the work has made good progress. In June, Miss Lily Chan left, and in September, in accordance with our policy of having one whole time English speaking worker and one whole time Chinese speaking one in each centre, Miss Grace Lee, a highly qualified young Chinese lady, succeeded Mrs. Macqueen, for some years a valued member of the staff. The kindergarten in the hands of Miss Scott and Miss Lee, had an enrolment of 30, 16 having been promoted to public school in June. Music lessons were given to a large number of pupils by Miss Scott, after school hours and on Saturdays. Monthly meetings of the Mission Band were held with 23 boys and girls. At the close of each meeting the children did sewing and handwork. A large parcel was sent in to the Supply Secretary. The Women's Missionary Auxiliary met once a month. At the June meeting, the members presented Mrs. Macqueen with a fountain pen and pencil suitably engrossed as a mark of their appreciation of her work among them. The W.M.S. allocation of $50.00 was reached. The C.G.I.T. had a successful year. Two girls from this group attended a local C.G.I.T. camp in July. Contributions of work and money were sent to the W.M.S. The Sunday School shows an increased enrolment of 111. Contributions to missions amounted to $16.75, and $10.00 was sent to Mr. David Lee, who is studying medicine in China. Miss Lee, with Mr. Leung, has been teaching Scripture, hymn singing and Chinese reading and writing to a night school of 70 pupils. The younger

The "Babies" of the Kindergarten School at Victoria members of this class meet in the afternoon. Much visiting has been done in Chinese homes.

*VANCOUVER.*—Here there has been a change on the staff, Miss Ruth Yeandle having been appointed to take the place of Miss Crawford who resigned in September to take up nursing. Mrs. Louie carried on the work meanwhile with the help of Miss E. Armstrong and others. The kindergarten had an enrolment of 42 at the end of the year, 6 having graduated. The C.G.I.T. has been most successful. Mrs. Cuthbert has carried on a splendid work among the senior girls. The Women's Missionary Auxiliary, with a membership of 19, has held monthly meetings. Mrs. Louie was re-elected President. Collections totalled $24.41. Some 556 visits were made in Chinese homes. Many women have listened gladly to the Christian message, and two were baptized. More mothers have attended the meetings than ever before. The new Mission building has proved most satisfactory.

*REGINA.*—In addition to splendid work in the distribution of Bibles, books, papers, etc., Mrs. Walter Martin has visited Chinese families in 11 towns and villages.

*TORONTO.*—19 children have attended kindergarten. The Mission Band, organized in the autumn, met every Saturday afternoon. Miss Dickman, Miss Lambert and Miss Lily Yeung were in charge. There were 35 pupils in the primary department of the Sunday School, 7 pupils having been promoted to higher classes. The Women's Friday Sewing Class had a most successful year culminating in a bazaar, at which $215.33 was realized for Christian work in China. The Women's Sunday Bible Class had an average attendance of 11. Mrs. Mah, Miss Gunn and Miss Dickman took turns in giving the Bible talk. About $50.00 was contributed for missionary purposes. One of the responsibilities undertaken by this class is the support of a Bible woman in Canton. One Chinese woman was baptized during the year. Special mention must be made of the constant unselfish service of the pastor's wife, Mrs. Mah, in teaching the Bible, visiting, and holding Chinese classes. Thanks to Miss Dickson, who came to Toronto for the Bible Vacation School in July, and to the work of all the helpers, the success of the school was unprecedented and the attendance larger than ever before.

*BROCKVILLE.*—Miss Davies has visited in Kingston, Gananoque, Smith's Falls, Perth, Carleton Place, Ottawa, Hull, Prescott, Iroquois and Morrisburg, and been a helpful and loving neighbor to the Chinese in her own town.

*MONTREAL.*—The kindergarten staff has been gratified by the standing granted the 8 children who last year went on to public schools. There were 30 pupils at the end of the year. Miss Dickson pays special tribute to the faithful service of Miss Jue, Mrs. Herman, and others, also to Rev. C. Shiu for his help in the teaching of Chinese. The little ones of the kindergarten contributed the sum of $2.50, largely from their own pocket money, as a gift for the School for Crippled Children. The Helping Hands Club has continued its good work, holding weekly meetings with a membership of 12 boys and girls. Regular monthly meetings were held for the women, when a Gospel message was given. The average attendance was about 20. The main work among the women has been visiting in the homes, and giving help in the many situations where an interpreter and friend is needed. Miss Dickson has visited in Ottawa, Carleton Place, Aylmer and Three Rivers.

## Supplies

THE allocations of supplies for 1931 assigned to the six Provincial Societies were cheerfully accepted and generally well followed. Carefully compiled reports have been received from the Secretaries and all show evidence of well sustained interest in the work of the Department.

Total estimated value of supplies is $26,887.44. This sum includes the value of the supplies for all departments of National Missions, and also the value of the bales sent to Mission Fields and Indian Reserves. The value of the supplies provided for each Department may be of interest. Hospital supplies, $2,327.13; Presbyterian Residences, $965.80; Indian Schools, $9,091.63 plus $1,330.23 (boots); Deaconess Department, $3,071.14; Chinese Department, $480.45; Mission Fields, $7,877.40; Indian Reserves, $1,614.55; (for purposes not included above) $129.11; total $26,887.44. These figures seem to indicate that too high a value has been placed on the supplies. Large quantities of used clothing are necessary for Mission Fields and Indian Reserves and the suggestion is again made that no money value be placed on it.

All Secretaries refer to the appeal for clothing for ''Western Relief''. This appeal enlisted the sympathy and efforts of many women in our congregations who are not members of the Women's Missionary Society. Is it not possible that the interest thus aroused may be transferred to the regular work of our Society?

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of a cheque from the Department of Indian Affairs at Ottawa for $203.65, the amount paid for freight on supplies sent to our Indian Schools in Canada. This cheque was received on presentation of the proper vouchers, (1) *Invoices,* showing quantity and value of the supplies; (2) *Receipted Freight Bills,* showing weight of bales and freight charges; (3) *Signed Receipt Slips.*

Some very acceptable supplies have been provided by organizations that are not affiliated with the W.M.S.

From Hospital, School Residence, and Indian School, from Deaconess and Chinese worker, from Mission Field and Indian Reserve have come expressions of heartfelt gratitude for supplies.

The year's activities cannot be recorded in dollars and cents, in bales and bundles, but in the thought and care taken by our Mission Bands, C.G.I.T. Groups, Young Women's and Senior Auxiliaries.

Considerable expenditure for additional furnishings and renewals is required each year. In 1931 the estimate for this purpose was $2,250. Of this sum $2,015.92 has been expended. Hospitals, $112.84; Presbyterian Residences, $372.94; Indian Schools, $1,238.30; Deaconess, $207.50; Chinese, $50.00; Mission Fields, $34.34.

## Lantern Slides

THAT the Lantern Slides are filling a need is shown by the increased demands, and by requests for more slides on all parts of our work.

In September the Budget Set—What our Church is Doing at Home and Abroad—was issued in an effort to interest the whole church in the work being done in the mission fields, and the need for expansion.

Printed slips were distributed to the Auxiliaries, the Sabbath School department, and the Church Offices, advertising the sets available, and the names and addresses of the Provincial Secretaries, and the results have been very satisfactory. In Alberta, all requests came from new territory. In British Columbia, the Bhil and Gwalior slides have been in demand. Manitoba and Saskatchewan used the slides 40 times, the favorites being Formosa and Manchuria China. In Ontario, they have been shown 137 times, 67 of these being to Young People's Societies, C.G.I.T., Sabbath Schools and Mission Bands. Quebec and the Maritimes used the slides 26 and 20 times respectively.

Provincial Secretaries' reports show that the work of the Church and the Women's Missionary Society is being brought before our people in every part of the Dominion. The slides are popular, and the department hopes to issue other sets which will interest many new friends and inspire them to join with us in sending the Gospel to all who know it not.

## Library

THE reports from this Department show much interest and enthusiastic work. The vivid word pictures of the delight of the children over the books, Bibles and hymn books are very interesting.

One Provincial Secretary has enlisted the help of the Young Women's Auxiliaries and C.G.I.T. Groups, and the generous support of these organizations shows the strong appeal this department has for them. Many of the Secretaries have established personal contact with the settlers through letters of interest and encouragement and have been able to render them valuable assistance in many of their problems.

Several Pulpit Bibles have been given to mission stations. A beautiful Pulpit Bible and hymn book were presented at the opening of the new ''Cecilia Jeffrey'' School. Bibles were given at Christmas to each pupil in the Birtle Indian School, and 300 Christian calendars were distributed to the Indians in that district. We have been able to reach with helpful literature many lonely sections, matrons of School Residences, Indian Schools, Homes, Lumber Camps, Construction Camps, Home Mission Fields, Hospitals; and all of them speak with gratitude for what they have received.

A grateful father writes: ''Not until I began with my children to read the splendid literature sent through your Department did I realize how I had neglected the all important duty of teaching my children the Word of God, and I hope there may be many others brought to know Him as I have been.'' Others say: ''A book comes to us as a friend. You will never know how much we appreciate your gifts.'' ''We certainly thank your organization for the interest taken in the lumbermen. They value greatly good reading matter and crave for it.'' A student missionary writes: ''The help we received from the W.M.S. is invaluable. We are so hungry for reading; we read everything over and over. You would have felt repaid if you could have seen how eagerly the children sorted over the books, rejoicing over favorites and carrying them off in triumph.''

To ''The Pas'' District we sent portions of Scripture and gospels in many languages. An unusual request and one of considerable interest to the Department came to us some months ago for Bibles for one of the prisons in Canada, and later we were gratified to learn that the men showed their appreciation by making covers to preserve them.

We need not be afraid of sending too many magazines and books as there are thousands of lonely homes in Canada who will gladly welcome any literature sent to them.

*"Dreams, books, are each a world; and books, we know*
*Are a substantial world, both pure and good;*
*Round these, with tendrils strong as flesh and blood,*
*Our pastime and our happiness will grow.*

*—Wordsworth.*

# Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training Home

### Graduation and Designation of Deaconesses

KNOX College Chapel, Toronto, was a perfect setting for the solemn and dignified service that marked the graduation of the deaconesses of the Training Home on the evening of April 7th.

Before the hour set for the opening, every seat was taken. With the first note of the Processional, the choir of Parkdale Presbyterian Church, in caps and gowns, thirty or more in number, came slowly up the aisle singing that beautiful Psalm selection, ''Lord of the Worlds Above,'' followed by the deaconesses in their uniforms, the Superintendent of the Deaconess Home and the Acting Chairman of the Deaconess Board, the clergymen, who assisted in the service of devotion, and members of Toronto Presbytery, their vari-colored hoods making an effective contrast against their black gowns as they slowly took their places in the chancel, the congregation reverently standing.

The Rev. A. C. Stewart, of Chalmers Church, presided in the absence of Mr. R. J. Lillico. The call to worship was given by Rev. Edgar Foreman. Rev. H. E. Abraham offered prayer, and the Scripture passage was read by Rev. W. J. McCree.

Miss Ferguson, the Principal, in her report told of: ''The 23 resident students, 8 of whom have taken the regular two years Deaconess course, 4 will receive their graduating diplomas and 4 their year's certificate. Four have been special students in training for one year only and under appointment by the W.M.S. Two have been missionaries on furlough, who have elected to take advantage of the study courses offered by the Training Home. Three residents have been employed in various departments of Church work. Two students have been Chinese girls taking special courses, and the remaining 4 have been students of various university faculties.'' She also referred to the first edition of their school magazine ''Four Corners.''

A résumé of the practical work undertaken during the year showed that the students of the Training Home had been responsible for the leadership of 8 Sunday School classes, 2 Bible classes, Superintendency of 2 Sunday Schools, the leadership of 2 Mission Bands, 4 C.G.I.T. Groups, 1 Christian Endeavor and assistance in 2 Mother's Meetings. They have served at Evangel Hall, Scott Institute and the Hungarian, Ukrainian and Chinese Missions. As a School they have conducted 7 meetings, made 103 addresses, contributed to 25 programmes, paid 245 deaconess calls and approximately 5,000 survey calls.

The presentation of the class certificate to first year students was made by Rev. A. C. Stewart, those for the Teacher Training Course by Rev. W. M. Kannawin, D.D. Rev. G. M. Dunn, the Moderator of Presbytery, conferred the diplomas on the graduates, Miss Ferguson adding the deaconess pin.

An impressive feature of the closing was the designation of Miss Millicent A. Walker, and Miss Julia G. Maystrowich. This service was conducted by the Moderator, Rev. G. M. Dunn, and Rev. T. B. Skene, the Clerk of Presbytery. Miss Walker serves in Scott Institute, Toronto, and Miss Maystrowich will engage in Ukrainian work in Toronto Presbytery. Both these young women are supported by the W.M.S. (Western Division).

The address of the evening was given by Rev. Stuart Parker, D.D., who based his message on Luke 8: 1-3, ''Certain women which ministered unto him,'' emphasizing the importance of women in the Church from the early apostolic times. ''They gave themselves to the work of Christ just as men did and Christ accepted it,'' and, he added, ''whoever has failed in the service of Christ it is not the women—they have remained consistently loyal and have shown themselves capable of devotion and fidelity even unto death.'' Admonishing the young deaconesses, he said, ''Remember to magnify yourself. Think of yourself as fulfilling a ministry, holding a sacred office, an office as real and almost as apostolic and as dear to the mind and heart of Christ, and as responsible as the office of the ministry. God has made you able to do things no man can do, and do them better. God will judge you according to the power He has given you. Never forget you are a woman, never try to be like a man in appearance, be a plain, kindly, charitable, sweet Christian woman at all times. Who knows but your ministry may be greater than that of the priests.''

The benediction by the Moderator closed this impressive service.

The graduates and their fields of work are as follows:

*In Canada*—Miss Anne Hayman, Truro, N.S. (no appointment as yet); Miss Evelyn Forsythe, Swift Current, Sask., appointed to Regina, by W.M.S. (W.D.), to fill Miss Macarthur's post while on furlough; Miss Julia Maystrowich, Fenwood, Sask., under appointment by W.M.S. (W.D.) to work among Ukrainians in Toronto Presbytery; Miss Mary MacKenzie, Fredericton, P.E.I. (no appointment as yet).

*Overseas Fields,* under the W.M.S. (W.D.)—Miss Iris Errey, R.N., Galt, Ont., to Manchuria; Miss Eleanor McKechnie, R.N., Valparaiso, Sask., to Jhansi, India; Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy, R.N., Collingwood, Ont., to the Bhil Field, India; Miss Mary MacVey, Fredericton, N.B., teacher, to Girls' School, Tamsui, Formosa.

In addition to the Bibles given by Mr. Lillico, the following scholarships were awarded:— General Proficiency (1st year), $35.00, ''Mrs. J. M. Turnbull'' Scholarship to,— Miss Isobel MacDonald, Cape Breton Island, Little Bras d'Or; General Proficiency (2nd year), $35.00, ''Mrs.

J. M. Turnbull'' Scholarship to,— Miss Anne Hayman, Truro, N.S.; Proficiency in Bible Subjects (1st year), $30.00, ''Margaret Lumsden Burns'' Scholarship to,— Miss Roberta Smith, Orillia, Ont.; Proficiency in Bible Subjects (2nd year), $30.00, ''Jessie Alexander Burns'' Scholarship to,— Miss Evelyn F. Forsythe, Swift Current, Sask.; Essay,— Subject assigned, ''The Ritchie-Bell'' Scholarship, $10.00, to,— Miss Anne Hayman, Truro, N.S.

Proficiency awards to those attaining 75% and over were given by Dr. John Stenhouse in the form of standard books of Bible Reference to,— Miss Anne Hayman, Miss Isobel MacDonald, Miss Roberta Smith.

—M.C.G.F.

# David Livingstone

By Rev. R. G. Macbeth, D.D.

IT is nearly one hundred and twenty years since David Livingstone was born, on March 19, in a factory tenement house in the little village of Blantyre, near Glasgow, in Scotland. It is nearly sixty years since his body, brought from the heart of Africa by his devoted African followers, was laid to rest in Westminster Abbey, amid the illustrious dead of the Empire. But his memory is so dynamic and the splendor of his character, as well as the glory of his achievement, press so powerfully on our history that he still seems to walk amongst us with that forward tread which opened the Dark Continent to the world and let in upon it the wonder of divine and human love.

He was one of the greatest and most unassuming men on this side of the New Testament. And his name remains to us as that of a man whose master-passion was to follow the supreme example of Him who moves through the New Testament and the world, wearing the halo of love on His thorn-crowned head.

Superficial and artificial people might say that David Livingstone had no early advantages. That is merely from the worldly standard, for he was not born to ease or wealth. But he had the far greater advantage of being born of poor and honest parents in one of those noble humble homes from which come so many men and women who have carried the name of Scotland with honor to the ends of the earth.

## Early Days

Going to work in the spinning factory when he was 10, he found a task which extended twelve hours a day. But his thirst for education was so great that, with a book on the machinery, he snatched a sentence now and then when opportunity offered without slighting his work. At the end of his twelve-hour day he went to a night school, then home to work at his Latin, ''till mother put out the candle.'' Dear Covenanting mother, watching over your boy, we salute your memory, because only for you the candle of this lad's life might have been snuffed out by toil, to the great loss of Africa and the world.

Nine years of this hard work prepared him for the University of Glasgow, where, in a lodging which he got for two shillings a week, he prepared himself for his life work as a missionary. He studied medicine and took lessons in theology from Dr. Wardlaw, a minister in the city. In his second year he offered himself to the London Missionary Society to go out as a missionary. Then he went up to London to be examined by the society board. He was not swift of speech, and some of the members hesitated to accept him, because he was slow in prayer. But years later he died on his knees in the centre of Africa, and the whole world was thrilled and awed by the fact that David Livingstone died praying for the great work of missions.

### Pioneering in Africa

One of the incidents in Livingstone's life in Africa was his being lost to the outside world so long, that in 1869 Gordon Bennett of the *New York Herald* called Henry M. Stanley to the work of finding him. ''Find Livingstone,'' said Bennett, ''regardless of expense. Spend all the money you need on equipment, but find Livingstone.'' Stanley, whom I recall as a man of powerful physique, found Livingstone in the jungles in 1871. These two strong men were together for a time, and Stanley in his book speaks beautifully of the impact made on his life by the noble Christian soul of the missionary explorer. ''You have brought me new life,'' said Livingstone, ''to brace me for a final effort.''

Livingstone made the great renunciation of the opportunity to return home, for he said his work was not yet done. Livingstone was grateful to Stanley, to the *Herald,* and for the interest of the American people in his work. It is worthy of note that it was to the *Herald* that Livingstone wrote the famous words which are on his tablet in the Abbey, ''All I can add in my solitude is, 'May Heaven's rich blessing come down on everyone, American, English or Turk, who will heal the open sore of the world'.''

Livingstone died in 1873, in the heart of the Dark Continent. But his devoted men resolved to take his body across the dangers of their continent, over the sea to his home land. It is one of the amazing things in history, and when a great company stood around the body of the famous missionary explorer in the Abbey, there were none more splendid in soul than the negro lads who had risked their lives to bring back the body of their master. They were dark-skinned and unlearned, but they were kings by right of a new creation, and priests by the imposition of the hand of God.

# Youth's Appeal and the Church's Answer

*This illustration taken from the Report of Miss Ferguson, Superintendent of the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, shows what splendid results can be achieved by the exercise of interest and initiative.*

THE item of work which has most interested the students of the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home has been the initiative and constructive efforts required to achieve the task set by the Presbytery of Toronto, under the direction of Rev. A. G. Denys, in organizing and carrying on a Sunday School in Oshawa. As a result of a survey made in the summer by students of the school, it was found that there was no Sunday School for the children in a well-populated part of Oshawa. The students of the Training Home were asked to organize a Sunday School. It was the old familiar story of making bricks without straw, because there was neither children, building, money, equipment, nor even the means of travel. There was also the added difficulty of operating from a base thirty-five miles away. But one by one the difficulties vanished. The means of transit have been provided, and interested friends motored four students each Sunday since the work began. The School was started in the basement of the Ukrainian Church, with no equipment other than a mud floor and a few chairs. Seven children were found and brought in the first Sunday. To-day there are 76 names on the roll. The district has provided 2 teachers who will carry on when the students cease. By the generosity of a friend, a cement floor was laid, a partition built, an organ provided, as well as a table, additional chairs, electric lights and hymn books. Those contributions were made chiefly through Young People's groups. Last week the boys organized a group 25 strong for a mid-week service. The girls, not to be outdone, have a group of 15. One need not go to Russia to find a ''Youth Movement''. Youth is here asking for the services which the Church alone can give.

## And They Were Few in Number

''TELL us about your Auxiliary,'' said the Presbyterial President.

Very quietly came the reply from a sweet voiced woman from one of these farther away places.

''There are only four of us and one little girl. We can never have a larger Auxiliary unless some one moves in, and that is not likely. We meet in one another's homes, and in answer to the roll call, each one repeats—not a verse of Scripture—but a chapter—or a psalm. At first we found it hard to memorize, and we could not learn a long chapter, but now it is far easier. We memorize as we wash the dishes, or prepare the vegetables or go about our work. The Bible is always lying open, so we can just take a look at it and go on with our work. We are all happy doing it and it is *just a chapter a month.* Of course we read and talk about all the things in the *Glad Tidings,* and we have a study book too.''

And, adds the writer, ''I noticed that their contributions last year were $48.00.''

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# Books Old and New

By Lereine Ballantyne

THE statement was made by an eminent Divine at the Convocation of Knox College, Toronto, this spring, that one of the present day problems which is causing grave concern, is the fact that there is less religious literature read in the homes of our people to-day.

We believe this is true generally, and yet there is no department functioning more seriously and eagerly to overcome this than our own. Not only missionary books are kept on our shelves, but spiritual, ethical, and fiction with a good moral tone for the interest of youth. Prices are kept as reasonable as possible for it is distribution rather than profits we seek.

Bearing this in mind, the women of our Church can render a great service, not only to the members of their own household but to the Church in general, if each member seeks with definite purpose to supply and encourage the reading of better books in her home and community. Many are bound as attractively and certainly are better written than much of the destructive fiction circulated these days in the name of literature.

MISSIONARY WORK PARTIES for boys and girls is a very practical little book for Mission Bands. It contains work suggestions that should be very useful. Price each, 25c.

OWNERSHIP, by Clementina Butler, a book in stewardship for women, bound in purple cloth with gold lettering. Reduced price, 60c.

THE GREAT QUEST, a thoughtful book by E. B. Moody, suitable for spring reading, and showing the beauty of God in nature. It is like a book of chatty essays that one would treasure. Price, 50c.

A few copies of TELL ME A NOAH'S ARK STORY for children remain on our shelves. This book of charming Bible stories, by Mary Stewart, and illustrated with silhouettes is only 75c.

CHOP STICKS is a Chinese story, so generously illustrated that children love it. Price per copy 75c.

Is your group studying India at present? If so, the following books are inexpensive and would be of real value, and great interest: ''If I

Lived in India,'' in paper 35c. per copy. ''Village Folk of India,'' board cover 50c. ''Out of Bondage,'' Christ and the life in the Indian village, price per copy 60c.

REPORT OF WESTERN RELIEF, by Mrs. H. R. Horne and Mrs. W. H. Fletcher is now available. This booklet is free.

## OUR LETTER BOX

### Experiences at Pouce Coupe

"THE folks at Riverside are coming out regularly and I always have a pianist there, which helps a lot. I only hold service there every other Sunday and the same at High Ridge. When the road to Tupper opens I'll have two more services, I think. On Easter Sunday I had services at both places, the roads were in fair shape so I got through all right. At High Ridge there were about twenty out. At Riverside we had everybody out and the Sunday School sang 'Up from the grave He arose' and Carol Menzies sang 'There is a green hill far away'.

I had three teachers with me during their Easter vacation. On Tuesday, we got some horses and went out calling at Riverside, at least one of them went with me. I got Maude, the horse Mr. C——said I could have any time I wanted her. I don't think I'll ever want her again. She is high, wide and handsome. The only thing one could do with any comfort was to walk her. Her trot was terrible. We went sixteen miles, but the other horse was good so we exchanged every once in a while. We weren't exactly comfortable next day. I was counting on using Maude but I'll have to make some other arrangements to get around. The roads are too soft for walking any more.

"Brownies", Dawson, Peace River District

It is getting warmer but one day last week we still had 25 below zero. The snow is melting and everything is in a terrible state of mud and dirt. On the 11th of this month we will have had five months of steady winter. There is still about three feet of snow in the bush.

This afternoon the Riverside Church Circle meets. The women are all very much interested and seem to enjoy the meetings.

Just had a young fellow from Lone Prairie come in and he needed shoes. He had walked in 60 miles with a lift for about half way, and his shoes wore out. I had a pair but they were oxfords and an old pair of moccasins, so I gave him both and a pair of rubbers which he will have to tie on. Then he stayed for lunch and now I am too late to go to Riverside.''

—*Hazel Macdonald.*

## Prayer of Penitence

LORD, our God, whom eye cannot see, but yet whose presence and guidance we ever feel, Who gavest joys and sorrows, through all our experiences we recognize Thy eternal laws and the purpose of Thy decrees: we beseech Thee to hear us at this hour, when we are gathered to commune with Thee. We have come to Thee, for our hearts are vexed with anxiety for the future, the history of humanity is full of carnage. Man has ever settled his disputes with the force of arms and even to-day the world is like a sea with troubled waves.

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We thank Thee for this Empire, whose strength defends the right, whose character stands for righteousness, whose sons and daughters are bannerholders of Thy Kingdom. We thank Thee for the children of Israel in every land, who through Thy Son have learned the Golden Rule and who in this critical period oppose the forces of evil. We thank Thee for this Dominion whose shores and friendly plains welcomed the millions of strangers, who sought shelter against the dangers of militarism—even the thousands of people who having lost their native land, found a new home in this country. Bless all the native and new citizens of this country, enable them to understand each other, to preserve all the noble thoughts in every breast, to abhor all base ideas and habits, knowing, that righteousness as well as evil knows no boundaries.

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Heavenly Father, give us power to conquer hate, the greatest hindrance to peace and happiness. Through our faith may Thy love become a living power, a fire to warm all hearts, whose heat should purge us of all uncleanness. Take the weapons of brutal force out of the hands of men and let them recognize that the fatherhood of God is a greater fact than the differences between men. We feel, that millions of men fallen in war raise their silent protest against the cruelty of man, who was created to love and to understand and who was saved by the blood of Thy Son.

May this day of penitence and prayer be a source of blessings, so that all those who have lifted their hearts up to Thee should carry back into daily life a message of peace. May we calm rather than enrage human passions. . . May we never recognize higher laws than the law of love and may Thy Kingdom reign ever and ever. Amen!

—Taken from the *Hungarian Observer.*

# WITH THE AUXILIARIES

### Suggested Programme

*Hymn*—545. *Prayer*—Appoint three members to read the different sections in the Prayer of Penitence. *Scripture Reading.* *Hymn*—461. *Minutes.* *Reports of Secretaries.* *Business.* *Roll Call*—to be answered by a telling fact on our Canadian work, taken from the summary of our national work in this issue. *Study Topic*—''Our Task in This Country''. *Hymn*—571. *Closing Prayer.*

# YOUNG WOMEN

SUMMING up the activities of the year, the following excerpts from the Young Women's Auxiliary's Secretary might be of interest. ''Encouragements and discouragements, gains and losses make up the report of the past year's work among the young women. But one is happy to note that the encouragements and gains far outweigh the discouragements and losses. Four of the six provinces report gains in Auxiliaries, in membership and in givings, while only two report losses. All report the earnestness and enthusiasm of the young women for the work, and the pleasure and profit of having a page devoted to young women's work in the *Glad Tidings.*''

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The provincial meetings are now over and sectional meetings are starting. Does your Auxiliary send its representative to each and all of these gatherings where you are supposed to be represented?

''Being business girls, so few of us have time,'' some one immediately says. Where there is a will there is a way. Surely some one from your group can attend the next sectional meeting or rally to bring back a report on what the various sections of our Society are doing, and new programme suggestions for the coming year.

You need the inspiration of these meetings, and the women responsible for putting them over need the inspiration of your presence and to realize that all our units are working together in one great cause.

### The Fun in Service

In the foreword of a charming little study book used in one of our sister countries, we find the following paragraph. It is so pithy we are passing it on as we are sure our young women will agree with it.

''Here is a paragraph in a recent letter from Miss Hayes, a Chinese missionary: 'In a heathen village where they don't know me the people call me The Lady Who Laughs; some name for a solemncoly missionary. But if a person can't get a kick out of life she might as well be deaf, dumb, blind and paralyzed! Of course, I am not the first and only brilliant intellect to discover that there is fun in service; but I do know for a fact that it is true. You can have fun only when you are happy, and you can be really happy only if you are doing—or trying to do—the thing God planned for you to do. For every one of us God has a man-sized job at home or far afield; miss your own job and your name is Gloomy Grouch; accept your job, and every cloud is an Aurora Borealis. So—more power to you while you find your job!''

### Facts to Make us Stop and Think

1. In China: One person in 80 in school.
2. In China: One modern trained doctor for 330,000 people.
3. In China: One Christian to every 800 people.
4. In 1828—probably no Chinese Christians. China almost unknown to the rest of the world.
   In 1928—possibly 500,000 Christians. Internationally speaking, China the most important country in world affairs.

*Judge Common Sense* asks, ''Do you want *Missions* to leave you with this unfinished work on your hands and not nearly enough trained people to complete it?''

*Young China* agrees that *Missions* may stay, and that they will together work for the welfare of China. (From Five Continents)

### The Church in the Life of the Nation

History affords no parallel to the present world situation—especially in the reconstruction going on in Russia and in China. We must have a world outlook or we will be left behind. The Christian Church has a responsibility in national and international affairs. Shall militarism or nationalism or atheism or Christian principles prevail?

—Hon. N. W. Rowell, K.C.

# GIRLS AND LEADERS

## WESTERN INDIANS

By Dr. R. G. MacBeth

THE Indians in the west have been treated with fairness by every Canadian Government. Treaties were made with the various tribes, by which the Indians receive annual payments in money. Owing to the disappearance of the buffalo and the incoming of settlers, the Indians can no longer depend on hunting for a living. So Canada has set apart tracts of land as reserves for the Indians who are furnished with farm machinery, instructors and teachers and arrange with the various churches to assist. Treaties were made with the Indians in all localities and these treaties were carefully explained before being signed by representatives of the Government and the Indians. In all this work Canada had the assistance of her famous Mounted Police who made friends with the Indians, guarded them against swindlers and exploiters and saw that they always got a square deal.

When Treaty No. 7, a very important one, was made with the Blackfoot Confederacy of Indians, south of Calgary, it was explained by Governor David Laird, and the Indians were given a day in their camp to consider it thoroughly. It was rather an anxious time because the Indians there were a powerful body. However, when they assembled next day, Crowfoot, the famous Chief of them all, said, ''When Colonel McLeod came here a few years ago, he told me certain things and he has kept all his promises. All that he said to me was true. My people were being destroyed by bad men, with drink and swindlers, but Colonel McLeod drove the bad men away. The Mounted Police have protected us as the feathers protect the bird from the snows of winter. I am satisfied. I will sign the treaty.'' Red Crow, Chief of the Blood Indians, spoke and gave the same view of the Mounted Police and Colonel McLeod who had kept his word with the Indians. Red Crow added, ''I, too, am satisfied. I will sign with Crowfoot.'' And all the Chiefs signed with the Head Chief.

It was a good thing that Crowfoot led them straight that day. And he remained loyal as they all did in the North West Rebellion. I saw him several times during that period, a stately man holding in check the most warlike and powerful Indians in the west. In recognition of his loyalty the government looked after his comfort, furnishing an able doctor during his illness in later days. Mr. Van Horne sent Crowfoot a perpetual pass over the Canadian Pacific Railway which was opened from sea to sea that fall. The pass, which I saw, was beautifully framed in a gold rim and had a gold chain so that Crowfoot wore it around his neck with the pass showing on his breast. I have a copy of a beautifully worded letter from Crowfoot to ''great fire-wagon Chief Van Horne'' in which the Indian Chief thanked the railway leader for the gift of the beautifully framed pass ''which opens to me the fire-wagon road everywhere.''

Some Indians west of Calgary under the Cree Chief, Big Bear, were misled by runners from Riel and went on the war-path, committing the massacre of nine white men at Frog Lake. When we reached that point some weeks later from Calgary, men of our regiment buried the charred bodies before going on to scatter Big Bear's band and free all the prisoners he held. I was then a law student and had enlisted with the Kildonan Company. Our object was not to kill or destroy but to save life in the out-of-the-way points in the west. The Frog Lake Massacre had taken place before we left Winnipeg. But we reached Edmonton as the Hon. Frank Oliver, who was there, said, just in time to prevent that town being attacked by the Indians who had gathered in large numbers from the north.

But I wish to emphasize the assertion that Big Bear and his Indians had no reason to go on the war-path. I can see the Frog Lake Reserve after all these years. ''Fair as a garden of the Lord,'' it stretched along luxuriant prairie, diversified by shady groves and sparkling lakes. The Government had given them this reserve years before and had also given them farm machinery and a grist mill with instructors and every comfort. Big Bear had always been awkward although he tried to stop the massacre. But it was too late. Some of his men like wandering spirit, erected Sun Dance Lodges, which we saw. Once these bad Indians got started it was all over in a few minutes. The point however is that the Government had treated them well and they had no cause to make trouble.

The real originator of our Presbyterian work amongst the Indians of the west was the Rev. John Black, of Kildonan. He told the Church in the east that he could not confine his efforts to his own parish and see heathen Indians without the gospel. He said he found his prayers with his people, for missions limited, unless he could provide some outlet for their work and gifts to missions. Finally the Rev. James Nisbet from Oakville, Ontario, was sent to assist Mr. Black in the Red River country, with a view to a mission to the Indians as soon as possible. Mr. Nisbet was a man after Mr. Black's own heart for he had missionary zeal and a brother of his was missionary in Samoa. During the time Mr. Nisbet was in the Red River country, he preached amongst the people here and there. Being a carpenter, also, he planned and assisted in building a stone school house, which stands to-day near the old church, and is a useful community meeting place, called Nisbet

Hall. Important also for the work was the fact that he married my sister, Mary, who knew the ways of the country and was devoted to Christian work. And when it was decided that a mission should be founded 500 miles away amongst the Indians, Mr. Black and Mr. Nisbet secured to go as interpreter, guide and provider, John McKay, who was married to my sister, Christina, who also became a wonderful help in the work of the mission. John McKay was born in the country, a handsome, powerful man, a noted plainsman, versed in the language of the Indians and having wide acquaintance amongst them through buffalo hunting for food on the prairie. On account of his great strength and skill and courage he had large influence over the Indians who admire these qualities greatly when they were combined as in his case with considerateness and devotion.

As my oldest brother, Adam (called Le Grand by the French on account of his fine stature) and cousin William and others went with Mr. Nisbet to found the mission, Prince Albert has always meant much to our connection. It is now a fine city, but has not forgotten its founder as the beautiful Nisbet Boulevard along the Saskatchewan River, and other memorials testify.

When Prince Albert began to attract white settlers, it was decided to ask John McKay, who was ordained, to go out to the Reserve of Mistawasis, a powerful Cree Chief, who had great influence on the whole district. John McKay, assisted by his wife and daughters, did excellent work there. It was fortunate for the country that he was on the reserve when the North-West Rebellion broke out and the battle of Duck Lake was fought not many miles away. McKay knew the Indians, had their complete confidence and could enter into their hopes and fears. Had Mistawasis joined the rebels great loss of life and property might have resulted. But he came to McKay and said, ''What will I do? I do not understand it all but Riel's runners have come amongst us. I want to do what you think is right.'' And John McKay said to the Chief, ''Stay quiet and do not pay any heed to Riel or his runners. Every one will get fair play from Canada, and the Great White Mother, the Queen, will not see you suffer if you do right.'' And Mistawasis said, ''I will do what you say. But there is a lot of excitement and strange Indians might start trouble. It may not be safe for you and your family. I will take a hundred of my men and will conduct all of you to Prince Albert where there is no trouble because the mounted police are there.'' And so the good Chief did.

Let me have space for one more story of the missionary and Mistawasis. After the Rebellion was over, the Dominion Government took several of the loyal chiefs to Eastern Canada to show them the country, as a reward for the good spirit they had shown. Amongst these were Mistawasis and a friend, another Chief, Star Blanket. John McKay was coming east to Kildonan that year. He met Mistawasis and Star Blanket as they were coming back from the east. They camped together on the plain and talked all night as the chiefs told the missionary all the wonders they had seen. True to the Indian nature, I venture to say that these Indian Chiefs manifested no surprise at anything when they were east. But they poured out their souls to their beloved missionary when they met him. I recall hearing John McKay tell about it all in our old home at Kildonan, his handsome face radiant with joy at the recollection. This story by Mistawasis specially delighted the missionary.

Mistawasis said to him, ''We have told you many things but there's the most wonderful thing of all. I do not understand it, and I want you to tell us.'' Then the old Chief went on to say, ''The most wonderful thing that happened since we went east was in a big city, I think Ottawa. Many church people met us there and they were very kind. There was a meeting in a church and after the meeting, they invited Star Blanket and me to go to one of their homes. It was a big house and many ladies and gentlemen were there in a large room. They were singing hymns. There was a fine singing machine there (he meant a piano) and a lady was playing for the hymns. Then some of them came over to Star Blanket and me and asked us to sing something in Cree. We were bashful because we could not sing as they could. But I said to Star Blanket, 'They have been very kind to us and we must try to sing.' He said what can we sing and I said, let us sing what the missionary John McKay taught us. So I started to sing and Star Blanket joined. And then the people began to sing with us and the lady at the singing machine began to play the tune. Soon they were all singing.'' And then the old Chief said proudly, ''I was leading the whole band. Now what I want to know is how did those people away in the big city east know the same thing you taught us?'' Then John McKay explained that it was Old Hundred sung with the 100th Psalm, and that they were all God's children together and they were all taught God's Word from the Bible. ''You were singing in Cree and they were singing in English, but the words meant the same and the tune was the same.'' Mistawasis and Star Blanket were greatly pleased with this explanation and always remembered it. And John McKay was equally pleased that the kind church people in Ottawa had given two of his Indian congregation such Christian greeting and hospitality.

## TREASURE BOOKS

**Will the Groups who have prepared Treasure Books send them to Miss Jean Cowan, 701, 372 Bay Street, Toronto, before May 20th as the enlarged Executive meets on May 26th.**

# MISSION BANDS

## TARO'S PROMISE

TARO and Ume' had been to school a year. They loved the teacher and she loved them. They did not mind rain or snow, and never missed a day. They could read a little in a book and knew ever so many verses and could sing, ''Jesus bids us shine,'' and ''Onward, Christian Soldiers.''

One day when they came home, their mother was crying. They asked what was the matter, and she said, ''Your Father is going to war and he may be shot.''

''Why does he go?'' said Taro.

''The country is fighting and all the soldiers must march to war.''

''Will my Father have a gun and a sword?'' asked Taro.

''Yes,'' said his Mother, ''he will kill our enemies in war.''

''But teacher said in our verse to-day, 'Love your enemies','' said little Ume'. ''If anyone is unkind and we are kind, they will learn from us to be kind, too. If we fight, then we will hurt them and they will hurt us.''

''Oh, girls do not know about war,'' said Taro. ''Men like to fight. When I am a man, I will have a gun and go to war, too.''

''Well,'' said sweet little Ume', ''I will go with you, Taro, and I will be a Red Cross nurse and take care of you when you get your legs shot off.''

''Oh, I won't get shot,'' boasted Taro. ''I'll shoot the others.''

''Then I'll take care of them,'' said Plum Blossom. ''I'll tell you, Taro, don't you shoot any one. You be a kind doctor and help the people that get hurt. That would please teacher and Jesus.''

''Well, maybe I will,'' said Taro.

His Father went that night to war. He was brave but the tears came when he said goodbye to the little Mother and the baby and Taro and Ume'. They all cried. Father whispered something to Taro as he followed him into the garden. Taro never forgot what his father said. ''If I am killed, you will be the man of the family. You must take care of Mother and Little Plum Blossom,'' and Taro said, ''I will.''

A week later the Father was shot, and Taro remembered what he had promised. —L. W. P.

Dear Mission Banders, when you are praying for the children of the world, remember especially the little children of China and Japan, many of whom have lost their fathers or brothers. —*Laura Dill.*

### A Mission Band Without a Church

The "Burning Bush" Band has been formed at Crystal Beach, in Hamilton Presbyterial, with a membership of 30. There is no Church here and it is hoped that this Band will be the forerunner of a Church.

# PROVINCIAL NEWS

## ALBERTA

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EDMONTON P.S.—The eighteenth annual meeting was held in First Church, Edmonton, on January 28th, and 29th. Reports showed faithful work done by all departments.

In the Presbyterial, there are 9 Auxiliaries, and 4 Associate Societies, with a membership of 191. In addition, there is 1 Young Women's Society which also is an Associate Society, 1 Girls' Club, 3 'teen age groups, 1 Girl Guide Company, 2 C.G.I.T. Groups and 12 Mission Bands—the latter with a membership of 312. There are 221 Home Helpers who contributed $399.61. There are 253 subscribers to *Glad Tidings.* Supplies to the amount of $696.90 were sent out. It also was the pleasure of this Presbyterial to furnish Dr. Margaret Strang's home in the far north. Dr. Strang has been gracious enough to call her home "Edmonton House." Interesting addresses were given by Miss Esther Dickman on work among the Chinese women and children in Vancouver where she worked for four years, also by Mrs. Jack, of Red Deer, on the Deaconess Home in Toronto. Miss Margery Mackenzie gave a very vivid account of the Student Volunteer Convention in Buffalo.

Chinese children, led by Miss Dickman, and the Mission Bands made a fine contribution to the evening meeting.

The Treasurer reported that $1,700.00 had been forwarded to the Provincial Treasurer. Mrs. A. T. Kinnaird was re-elected President.

First Church W.M.S., Edmonton, offered special prayer for the preservation of Dr. and Mrs. Goforth and all other missionaries laboring in the Sino-Japanese danger zone. Mrs. R. Ewart gave a splendid report of the Presbyterial meeting and Mrs. T. Buckham a resume of the chapters on Stewardship in the study book. An interesting letter from Dr. Margaret Strang, medical missionary in the Peace River district, was read by Mrs. MacTavish. Dr. Strang told of one long journey which she had to make on horseback in 60 below zero weather. Despite long hours of labor Dr. Strang is enjoying her work very much.

**Red Deer P.S.**—The World Day of Prayer was observed in Innisfail, February 12th. All the denominations assembled in the United Church.

A very fine service was held. The W.M.S. of St. Andrew's, Innisfail, held a ''Leap Year birthday party,'' March 8th. The sum of $27.00 was realized. This is to be used for supply work.

The World Day of Prayer was observed in Red Deer. Women from all denominations assembled in Knox Church, Mrs. Jack, President of Knox W.M.S., presided. In the evening of the same day, at 7.30 o'clock, the three C.G.I.T. Groups of Knox Church met for prayer. At the close of the service the W.M.S. entertained the C.G.I.T. Groups and the Tuxis boys.

**Calgary P.S.**—''A World's View of Missions,'' was the subject of a splendid paper, by Mrs. A. Adams at the March meeting of Calgary P.S. Executive. Mrs. R. L. Freeman and Mrs. J. A. Bell were in charge of the devotions.

The Easter Thank-offering of Grace Church, Calgary, was held March 18th. ''Christian Stewardship'' was the subject of an excellent address by Mrs. A. T. Spankie. The speaker urged the importance of giving, of our thoughts, time, service, and substance to God, who gave all to us.

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## BRITISH COLUMBIA

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### Annual Meeting

THE 18th annual meeting of the Provincial W.M.S., held in Central Church, Vancouver, on February 23rd and 24th, opened with an evening meeting. The President, Mrs. G. W. Ledingham, presided. After the devotional period, and greetings, Mrs. R. C. Donald, of Toronto, made an address in which she gave a very clear outline of the financial standing of the W.M.S. in Canada. Her message gave not only encouragement but aroused in the listeners a desire to put forth greater efforts in the present year.

Wednesday morning session was opened by a meeting of the Provincial Board, followed by a prayer service, conducted by Victoria Presbyterial. The devotional period was in charge of Kamloops-Okanagan Presbyterial. The business of the morning consisted largely of departmental reports, which were all encouraging. Mrs. R. M. Thomson gave the address of welcome, followed by greetings from Inter-Church Societies and a reply by Mrs. Ledingham.

Devotions were taken by the Kootenay Presbyterial at the opening of the afternoon session when more departmental reports were given.

A comprehensive outline of the work of the W.M.S. was given by Mrs. Thomas Wilson, Corresponding Secretary. Membership was stated to be slightly increased over last year, there being a total of 2,315; $6,250 was contributed, a slight decrease from last year; 7 new groups were formed among the Girls' Organizations and 150 new members enrolled. More attention to devotional exercises at all meetings was noted. Distribution of supplies showed an increase, and summer camps were well attended. Work meetings were of interest, supplies being sent to the ''M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home'' in India, the poor in Manchuria, needy families on the prairie, as well as local families and children in local hospitals. Supplies were given out in excess of the allotment in this department by all four Presbyterials. The Welcome and Welfare department made 338 visits and more literature than last year was sold; subscriptions to *Glad Tidings* total 983. The World Day of Prayer was observed throughout the province with a larger attendance than ever before.

Before the election of officers, Mrs. G. W. Ledingham, the retiring President, thanked the officers and members for their loyal support during her four years in office. Mrs. Donald was asked to present Mrs. Ledingham with a beautiful basket of flowers as a slight token of the appreciation of the members of the W.M.S. of British Columbia.

After the election, with Mrs. W. J. White, of Ladner, as the new President, the officers were installed by Mrs. R. M. Thomson.

The evening was given over to a supper conference of girls' Leaders, hostesses were Girls' Leaders' Council of Westminster Presbyterial. Several addresses were given, followed by discussion in which many new ideas were suggested.

This conference brought the meetings to a very successful conclusion.

Changes in officers: President, Mrs. W. J. White, Ladner; Treasurer, Mrs. W. M. MacInnes, Vancouver; Secretaries—Rec., Mrs. W. H. Gourlie, Vancouver; Y.W.A., Mrs. H. E. Murchie, New Westminster; Mission Bands, Mrs. R. V. Peasland, Victoria; Welcome and Welfare, Mrs. R. J. Douglas, New Westminster; Supply, Mrs. W. J. Jones, Vancouver; Life Membership, Mrs. A. A. MacKinnon, Cranbrook.

**Kootenay P.S.** annual meeting was held in First Presbyterian Church, Trail, February 2nd, with a good attendance of delegates and members. Mrs. J. McLean Bell presided. Encouraging reports were read by the departmental Secretaries. The newly elected officers were installed by Rev. J. St. Denis, of Trail. Rev. Jas. Youngson, of Nelson, addressed a public meeting in the evening, taking as his topic, ''Life in Kenya Colony, Africa.''

Miss P. Lamont was in Trail on March 14th, and addressed a gathering of women, as well as speaking at a public meeting in the evening.

The Young Women's Auxiliary of Central Presbyterian Church held its Easter Thank-offering in the church hall, with Miss Sybil White presiding. ''The Meaning of Easter,'' was the theme carried out in the devotional exercises, which were taken by Miss Mildred Orr, Miss J. McLean and Miss Lily Lyle, and in a short talk by Miss Ruby Blyth.

The guest speaker was Rev. Frank Dickie, who in an illustrated address told of his work in China under the China Inland Mission. Members of the Wahelo C.G.I.T. Group also contributed to the programme.

## MANITOBA

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BRANDON P.S.—In 1931 the Winnipegosis* ''Willing Workers'' raised $12.99 and made a complete baby's layette. They have very interesting programmes at their meetings.

The Easter Thank-offering of First Church, Brandon, was largely attended. Mrs. Coulter and Rev. Mr. Allen gave the addresses. ''The Risen Christ'' was the topic. A welcome visitor was Mrs. E. W. Byers, of ''Cecilia Jeffrey'' Indian Residential School, who gave a very interesting talk on the school programmes of the day. This was especially interesting to the Mission Band children who were also present. The offering amounted to $40.

**Winnipeg P.S.**—The ''Goodwill'' Auxiliary, Gonor, held their usual meeting. Each member answered the roll call with a prayer from the Bible. Mrs. MacKenzie, the missionary, gave an inspiring Bible lesson. The two delegates brought a report from the Winnipeg Presbyterial. The sewing classes have started again now that the weather is better.

First Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg, held their Easter Thank-offering, March 23rd, Mrs. Long presiding. Rev. Gordon W. McLean, the newly inducted minister, who has just arrived from Scotland, was the speaker. All felt that it was indeed a treat to be present.

The 18th annual meeting of Winnipeg Presbyterial was held February 24th, in First Church, Winnipeg. The reports were all very encouraging. Very fine addresses were given by Mrs. Robson, Mrs. Gemmel, Mrs. Long, Miss Jenkinson and Mr. H. K. Johnson, Manchuria. Mrs. R. McBeth gave the closing words. The meetings throughout were interesting and instructive.

**Superior P.S.**—First Presbyterian Church, West Fort William, held their first anniversary of the starting of their Auxiliary, in March.

St. Andrew's W.M.S., Fort William, held their Easter meeting, March 18th. The guest speaker was Judge McKay who emphasized the importance of parents teaching children the stories of the Bible, the teaching of the young had an influence in forming Christian character. The offering was $60.00.

The Young Women's Guild, an Associate Society, on their missionary night, had one of the members give an outline of the Formosa Mission from the time Dr. George Leslie Mackay first went out until the present.

First Church, Port Arthur, held their Easter meeting in March. Mrs. Ballantyne, Presbyterial President, and Mrs. K. McKay were the speakers. The meeting was very interesting.

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* The members of the Winnipegosis "Willing Workers" are Indian children and their mothers all take the "Glad Tidings". We congratulate this Band on its splendid work.—Editor.

Fort Frances, at their meeting heard a report of Superior Presbyterial and a synopsis of Rev. W. G. Brown's address in Fort William. This was sent to them by Mrs. LeCocq, Presbyterial Secretary, because she knew it was impossible for the Moderator to get to Fort Frances. This was very much appreciated by the Fort Frances Society.

## ONTARIO

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ALGOMA P.S.—The Young Women's Auxiliary of Westminster Church, Sault Ste. Marie, under the leadership of Miss Gertrude Templeton, has been named the ''Grace Stone'' Auxiliary in loving memory of the late Honorary President, and former Presbyterial President, Mrs. Frederick Stone. In January, the officers were inducted by Mrs. Hugh Triplett, West Korah. The programme of the Day of Prayer was followed, with Mrs. Triplett as speaker. In February, interesting papers on Stewardship were given by Mrs. J. P. Reith, Miss Mary McPhail and Miss Isobel Godfrey.

**Barrie P.S.**—Knox Auxiliary, Midland, held a supper to which the Home Helpers were invited, followed by the regular meeting. The prayer read by the President, Mrs. Brechin, was prepared by a Home Helper, Mrs. R. McLaughlin. The study period on India and the life of the late Caroline Macdonald were followed by a programme of music and readings. About eighty were present.

**Guelph P.S.**—Formerly the ''Steadfast'' C.G.I.T. Group the inaugural meeting of the ''Frances Hawtin'' Y. W. Auxiliary, Preston, was held at the home of the President, Miss Martha Dempsey, February 9th. Mrs. Hawtin was present in Indian costume and spoke of her work, showing curios and photographs. Marjory Dempsey was dressed as a non-Christian girl. The Y. W. Secretary, Mrs. H. S. Freeman, conducted the installation.

Preston Auxiliary held their meetings in the members' homes during the winter, with much success.

Elora Auxiliary is the first to receive both a Life and a Junior Membership Certificate from the new Life Membership Secretary, Mrs. Heber Little.

**Hamilton P.S.**—A Mission Band rally of Hamilton children was held in St. John's Church, Easter Monday, under Miss Leonie Henderson. The Bhil slides were much enjoyed and Mrs. Dill gave a message of intense interest to the children.

### In Memoriam

Chatham P.S. has suffered a great loss in the passing of Miss Flora Gesner, Blenheim. A Life Member of the W.M.S., and for many years Exchange Secretary of the Presbyterial, her sterling qualities and high ideals were devoted to her church.

## SASKATCHEWAN

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REGINA P.S.—Mrs. G. M. Bell gave a very interesting talk on Formosa in the Northside Presbyterian Church. Her address was illustrated by the W.M.S. slides on Formosa.

The W.M.S. of First Presbyterian Church held their Easter Thankoffering service in the lecture hall of the church, March 23rd. Two beautiful Easter pageants were presented under the direction of Mrs. Amy Westmoreland. A generous offering was received.

Stoughton W.M.S. were pleased to have as their guest for the February and March meetings, Mrs. J. R. MacDonald, President of Kildonan W.M.S. At the February meeting Mrs. McDonald spoke on the Power of Prayer as a Means to World Peace, while at the March meeting her subject was ''Dr. Goforth's Work in Manchuria.''

**Saskatoon P.S.**—At the March meeting of the Parkview Auxiliary, Saskatoon, many members availed themselves of the opportunity of hearing Rev. Major Tolmie, of Southampton, Ontario. He emphasized the important part played by the W.M.S. in the work of the Church and the opportunities which lie ahead.

At North Battleford the members of St. Andrew's W.M.S. heard an interesting and instructive report on the work accomplished last year.

At the meeting of the W.M.S. of St. Andrew's Church, Saskatoon, Mrs. Grant gave a summary of the Provincial Board meeting held in Regina, and Mrs. R. W. Gamble gave an address on ''Disarmament.''

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*March 31st, 1932*

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# THE GLAD TIDINGS

**Our Overseas Missions:**

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World Day of Prayer

Our Moderator Visits Japan

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THE Bible still meets and will continue to meet life's highest and deepest needs. This is proven in the résumé of the 127th report of the British and Foreign Bible Society. Notwithstanding world depressions in trade, new translations numbered 14, a number only surpassed once. These *new translations* included 10 for Africa, I for Western Australia, 1 for New Guinea, I for India and 1 in the Romany style for gypsies in Germany. *Circulation* stood at 11,888,226, a second record, and only exceeded by the returns of 1929-30. *Income* totalled $2,027,645, a decrease of $166,927, but one easily explained. In India, the circulation increased by 26,218 copies. In China, in spite of the civil commotion, 4,897,300 copies of the Scripture have been circulated, and in Manchuria the fact that the Government issued a mandate urging Government officials to learn the phonetic script gave an opportunity for circulating a stock of some 9,000 portions of the Old and New Testaments. Then an attempt was made to circulate the Scriptures amongst Mongols, Koreans, Japanese, and perhaps most interesting of all, amongst Russians who dwell in this area. The activities of the Society have been maintained in South America, the British Empire and its Colonies and Dependencies, the Islands of the Pacific and other places too numerous to mention. In the words of the Bishop of Chelmsford ''Great though the blessings of God have been to this Society—we shall pray that the God who has done mighty things through this Society will do mightier things yet.'' ''People are groping to-day for a sure guide in things moral, social and political, and God has given it to us in the Holy Scriptures.''

OUR warmest congratulations go to our beloved Dr. Margaret O'Hara, who has just received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, from Queen's University, Kingston. It has been said that ''Dr. O'Hara's three primary loves were the Presbyterian Church, Queen's University and the British Empire.'' To these she has shown unswerving loyalty, and all have accorded her the honor she deserves. She was one of the first missionaries in India to receive the Kaiser-i-Hind medal, bestowed by the King Emperor in recognition of her public service in India. She also received the Long Service Medal and three bars, from our W.M.S., in appreciation of her forty years service as our medical missionary in India, and, now, in the eventide of her life she has been granted the honor degree from her Alma Mater of LL.D. Her nobility in her profession as doctor and missionary has won its just reward.

MISS WHATLING and Miss Stringer, who went to India in 1926, have arrived in Canada on their first furlough. Before they left Jhansi there was quite a round of festivities—a farewell party arranged by the teachers and women, a dinner at the home of the Indian pastor, a special programme arranged in their honor by the Girl Guides and a little service in the church for them. Several addresses were presented at these functions and Rev. A. A. Lowther has kindly translated a portion of the one read at the home of the Indian pastor:

> ''Ladies now honored and worthy of honor, with hands clasped humbly before you I touch your feet. My desire is to tell you plainly the thoughts of my heart but how can I speak? For the clouds of grief overshadow all hearts at the thought that you two are going away from us. It is good that you go to your own home but think too a little of this that in going you break our hearts. Honor and praise to you that you have been so kind to all, removing grief from burdened hearts, thinking always of the good of others. How could we fail to remember your thoughtful kindness? Yet in separation we have peace and hope because we will rejoice too in your joy in your own homes. Therefore we consent to your going in hope once again to receive you.''

The school girls and many friends saw them off at the station. They left loaded with garlands and flowers and good wishes and hopes for a safe return.

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THE eyes of the world have for some weeks been turned towards Shanghai. While we, as a W.M.S., have no established mission work there, we have for years, given a grant of money to further the publication of Christian literature for women and children, carried on so successfully by Mrs. Donald MacGillivray. It was, therefore, with mixed feelings that we read the following extract in a letter from Mrs. MacGillivray, dated December 27th—joy that the work to which she had devoted her life is bearing fruit, and fear of what the war may mean to this Christian enterprise.

> ''Truly the opportunities for Christian literature were never as great as to-day and certainly never more needed. Our new building is nearing completion and they will be moving in very soon. Almost the whole of one floor is to be given over to the women's and children's work. There is to be a committee room and small reference library dedicated to the memory of Miss Alice Kyle. We are going to make it a rest room where missionaries from the interior can drop in and rest and write, and examine books and tell us their needs.''

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ANNOUNCEMENT is made of the addition of two members to the Presbyterian Missions—a son to Rev. Joseph and Mrs. Koffend, Szepingkai, Manchuria, and a little daughter to Rev. Earl and Mrs. Toombs, Barwani, India.

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''I have come home convinced that the supreme answer to the question of materialistic Japan; the chaos in China and the quest in India, is the Christ, and with us rests the obligation of sending the gospel to these countries. I would use the message sent by Principal Rainy to the college at Madras: 'We men of the West have no better claim on Jesus Christ than you have. We have nothing so precious. We have nothing to compare to our Lord Jesus Christ. We gladly consent that you cease to listen to us if you would only give your ear and your heart to Him'.'' This was the declaration of Rev. John MacNeill, D.D., President of the Baptist World Alliance, who has just returned from a world tour.

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BURKWALL-REID—At Hackett Medical College Chapel, Canton, China, on January 20th, by the Rev. W. R. McKay, Ethel C. Reid, to the Rev. H. O. T. Burkwall.

# Our Overseas Missions

## India

JHANSI.—It was surely a happy omen that the first report received from the field was that of the Jhansi W.M.S. Miss Whatling and her 8 assistant Bible women, including Latchi-bai, who is supported by the Jhansi W.M.S., are winning their way into the hearts and homes in many of the villages. During the year the evangelistic work, which also includes simple medical treatment, has centered around Baragoan and nearby villages where nearly every home is open and opportunities are numerous for witnessing for the Master. Grace-bai and Tizia-bai are the capable workers in Jhansi, teaching women and young married girls to read and write, at the same time presenting the Gospel. In addition, Grace-bai has her duties in the Orphanage and is invaluable.

Miss Simpson has been exceedingly busy, having treated 1,567 out-patients and 85 in-patients. The dispensary is much improved and we may feel proud of it. The people are learning the meaning of prophylaction, and will come and beg for inoculation when an outbreak of cholera occurs. The lack of accommodation for men patients is deplored. Her faithful nurse, Miriam, is still with her and doing excellent work. Miss Simpson has also done much district visiting and has tried to teach the women the simple laws of health and prevention of disease as well as giving the gospel message.

The past year has been one of progress in the Helen Macdonald Memorial School. The aim has been spiritual and character development. Attendance has increased from 86 to 106, of these, 15 were day pupils, and 2 of them non-Christians. One pupil has gone to Shappur Bible School for a Domestic Training course, another to Lalitpur for a vernacular course as she hopes to be a nurse. The teaching staff was increased by 2. The Girl Guide Groups were registered and inspected by the Government Guide Commissioners of the Baden-Powell Group. This work has done much to develop the right sporting spirit. Organized games account for the better health of the girls and a fine spirit between pupils and teachers. Miss Moodie successfully passed her language examinations and has gradually assumed more and more of Miss Stringer's duties so that she may accompany Miss Whatling on furlough this year.

*BHIL FIELD.*—Here two new buildings were completed during the year, the "M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home" at Amkhut, and the W.M.S. bungalow, at Toran Mall, meaning the realization of some of Miss Robson's dreams. Miss Williamson, who has been Miss Robson's constant companion and friend, sends the report of the school which is one of the most outstanding results of Miss Robson's life work. Three girls passed middle school at Khandwa, one has gone for a Teachers' Training course and another to Bible School in Betal, so that, altogether, there are 5 girls in high school, 3 in middle school, 5 in Bible training, one studying to be a teacher and 5 training as nurses. Two of these, Helen and Ruth, will graduate this fall, having completed the four years' course in nursing and having done exceptionally well. One new teacher was added to the staff, Juna, sister of Chanti, who so ably assisted Miss Robson at Toran Mall.

The village schools at Sardi, Pangora and Toran Mall go steadily on. Miss Maxwell returned on furlough in March. It was interesting and helpful to hear her account of her work among the Bhils at first hand, and to realize what a splendid evangelistic missionary she is. Congratulations are in order for Miss Ellen Douglas who headed the list of successful candidates in the language examinations. The Council has appointed Miss Douglas to Jobat for kindergarten teaching and evangelistic work.

**Some of the ex-patients of the "M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home," taken on the roof**

Early in 1931, the hospital staff at Jobat, was made happy by a visit from the Governor General's Agent, the Political Agent and their wives. These distinguished visitors expressed the greatest surprise and satisfaction at the type of work being carried on with such limited facilities. During the time that elapsed between Dr. Draper going on furlough and Dr. Howie's arrival Miss McConnell was doctor as well as nurse, and on one occasion had to amputate a man's leg. He got well, too, and is able to follow his trade, that of weaving, wearing a wooden leg and foot invented by Dr. Howie. Miss McConnell and Miss Simpson together attended a nurses' convention in Calcutta in October when they met nurses from all over India and had an opportunity of comparing different types of work, and receiving new inspiration.

The opening of the ''M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home'' took place January 8th. It was a time of great rejoicing. The picture sent shows a stately white building containing office, demonstration and clinic rooms, cupboards for medical supplies, 2 large wards for babies and older children, a real Canadian bathroom, nurses' and matron's quarters, kitchen, store-room and verandahs. We feel sure it is going to fill a long felt need. There were three tiny orphan children installed as first inmates before the dedication and their baptisms were part of the opening ceremonies. Mrs. Buchanan writes, ''Miss Soutar has been so wonderful working night and day. She is a great little nurse and we are so thankful for her and for the lives God has allowed her to save.''

It is impossible to close this summary without mentioning the shadow cast over the new year by Miss Robson's illness, and by the sudden passing of Mrs. D. E. McDonald. Miss Robson when she reaches home will have the best of care and all that rest and treatment can do to restore her to health. For dear Mrs. McDonald we can only give thanks that she was spared a long illness and the ''sadness of farewell,'' and express our sympathy for the family, fellow workers and native Christians who will miss her so sorely. It may be that this is the dark hour before the dawn of some very special manifestation of God's love and care for His children in India.

## Formosa

OUR Canadian Presbyterian Mission in North Formosa enters upon its Diamond Jubilee this year, and our hearts are filled with gratitude to God for the men and women who, since the days of that courageous pioneer, Dr. G. L. Mackay, have been led to consecrate their strength and talents to giving the Gospel to the people of the Island.

Every department of the work shows a deepening and expanding influence. Two missionaries were added to the staff in 1931, Miss Isabel Taylor, A.T.C.M., Orillia, Ontario, and Miss Hildur Hermanson, R.N., Buchanan, Sask.

In September, Miss Clazie retired as Principal of the Girls' School and returned to Canada. By her untiring devotion to the wise development of those under her direct charge, by her example and high standard for the ideal in life, Miss Clazie held the trust and affection of pupils, colleagues, and the many who shared her friendship and help.

Under the efficient supervision of Miss Adams, the kindergarten department shows satisfactory progress. A new kindergarten has been opened at Taikah, one of the most southern churches in the Mission.

It is the only self-supporting kindergarten in the Mission, and has 40 children enrolled. There are now 6 kindergartens. A seventh school is being opened for the education of children of aboriginal men and women who have come to attend schools and college in Tamsui. Under the capable instruction of Miss Adams a six months' training course was given to four prospective teachers.

The work of the Girls' School has been most successful. Before the departure of Miss Clazie, the Superintendent, the students and alumnæ united in a farewell meeting and showed by word and gift, their love and respect for her. The Council of North Formosa has appointed Miss Douglas Principal. We are glad to report that the staff has been further strengthened by the appointment of 2 well qualified teachers, Miss Phyllis Argall, B.A., and Miss Mary M. E. MacVey. Miss Taylor, in addition to her language study, teaches English 3 hours a week and music to 5 advanced pupils. Miss Lu, the assistant, carries on with the help of one of the pupils. Mrs. Gushue-Taylor came from Taihoku one day every week during the term, and taught 6 of the advanced pupils. Her help was greatly appreciated. Eighty-six students are enrolled, 12 graduating in March. Of these, 3 have taken kindergarten teachers' training course, one went to Japan for further study, one to Mackay Hospital as pupil nurse, another has taken a course in midwifery. While their general education is important, the great purpose is to bring the girls to a knowledge of the love of God. Besides the regular Sunday services, morning and evening worship is held daily, also a mid-week prayer service, and a Christian Endeavor meeting, the latter

Savages resting on Swing Bridge, Formosa conducted by the pupils, assisted by the teachers. The girls have attended classes and meetings regularly, six becoming active members of the Christian Endeavor, and two united with the Church.

The Women's School, under the guidance of Miss Burdick, the Principal, has had another successful year, 19 women have received instruction. Regular study classes and worship services have been held, different women taking part. Some have conducted classes in private homes where Bible stories, hymns and reading have been taught to women and children of heathen families. Some of the women have taught regularly in the Tamsui Sunday School, one of the women who finished the course has gone out as a Bible woman.

An interesting feature of the work has been the assistance given to wives of two students of the Ami tribe of aborigines, who come from the east coast and are students at the Theological College. These women, while living in Tamsui, are taking advantage of education at the Women's School, are learning to speak Formosan, and are learning the age-old stories of God's love for mankind. It is expected that several other families of aboriginal tribes will soon be in attendance at the various Christian schools and college.

The Formosan teacher in charge of the dormitory is a graduate of the Girls' School. Her Christian service among the women has been a great factor in developing happiness in the school. Miss Burdick, in addition to her duties as Principal, conducts the Bible Study Class for nurses at Mackay Hospital, and the course in Bible study (four years) at the Girls' School.

The foreign nursing staff of Mackay Memorial Hospital consists of Mrs. Gushue-Taylor, Misses Senior, and Chisholm, who have been untiring in welfare work and Miss Hermanson. Two Formosan nurses graduated in 1931. Both were kept on as graduate nurses and have shown themselves capable of assuming responsibility. There are 23 Formosan nurses at the hospital, 5 being graduates, the others nurses in training. The hospital is open to its full capacity. The women's clinic has been well attended, 400 new, and 512 repeated attendances were made, 37 obstetrical cases were admitted. The children's ward has done good service.

The nurses receive a regular course of study from Drs. Gushue-Taylor, Graham, or Miss Senior and study the Japanese language with a Japanese teacher. Throughout the year, the nurses have taken an active interest in evangelistic work of the hospital, and also in Soren Sunday School.

A suitable site for Happy Mount Leprosy Colony has been purchased, and building operations have commenced. The W.M.S. donated $5,000 to build a chapel for this colony.

The aim of every department of our missionary work is evangelism.

In this service, Miss Ramsay, Mrs. Koa and four Bible women have played an important part. During the year extended visits were made to six stations. At Giran, the daily average of those taught was 8, 6 of whom became believers. At the stations visited, Miss Ramsay always helps in Sunday Schools, Church services, and women's meetings. During the year, two helpful conferences were held in Taihoku under the auspices of the Formosan W.M.S., of which Mrs. Koa and Mrs. Tan, daughters of Dr. G. L. Mackay, are valued officials. Mrs. Koa has had good hearings during her visits to country, villages and city homes.

The five Bible women are most earnest in their work in hospital, churches, follow-up work for kindergartens, Bible teaching in city and country.

The Presbytery of North Formosa, as one means of commemorating the Diamond Jubilee, are stressing evangelism in two forms. One, the holding of meetings for non-Christians; the other, encouraging all Christians to engage actively in personal evangelism, and to pledge themselves to try to bring at least one person to Christ during the year. Many are working towards this end. In commemoration of the Diamond Jubilee, Tamsui Church, the first established by Dr. Mackay, is to be rebuilt. The W.M.S. (W.D.) has pledged $500 as a share in this memorial. Our W.M.S. is honored in having, as its representative at the Jubilee, Mrs. W. G. Brown, Saskatoon, who accompanied the esteemed Moderator of the General Assembly, the Very Reverend W. G. Brown, on his official visit to the mission field of North Formosa.

## South China

DOCTOR Jessie MacBean, of Hackett Medical College, Canton, has had an exceptionally busy year, for Dr. Hoffman left last June on furlough and Dr. MacBean has acted as Superintendent in his absence. Added to this, the President, Dr. Ross Wong, was a patient in the hospital for a long period of rest, and most of his work fell on Dr. MacBean's shoulders. Her furlough is due in June and we are sure she will be ready for it, but, much as we desire to hear all about her work we crave for her from the Society a period of rest after her years of arduous labor. Dr. MacBean's last letter described Canton's observance of the Day of Prayer, two services being held in their compound, and many others throughout the city, the Chinese feeling as never before the need for prayer for their homes and country.

Miss Ethel C. Reid's year has been one of incessant work. Having the language gave her an immediate start on her arrival in Canton and Shek Lung. Many of the stations were visited with the Rev. Calvin Lee, Secretary of Religious Education for the 4th Presbytery. Two things were emphasized by them (a) the importance of every member of the family becoming Christian—''The whole family for Christ'' their slogan. (b) Christian Stewardship—time, talents, money, all for Christ. Simple methods were used amongst those illiterate people. Volunteers were found by the churches to teach them and part of our W.M.S. grant was used in securing students to do what we call deaconess work amongst the villagers during their vacation. Amongst the Ha-ka people a number of the pastors have led entire villages to Christ, and many little children have never known anything of idol worship. In Shek Lung, a training Institute for volunteer workers was conducted during the spring with happiest results.

Miss Reid was one of two representatives of their Presbytery at Synod, and at a later conference of women workers, where many of her former Bible women and co-workers gave addresses. Following this conference, meetings for the deepening of spiritual life were held in Canton with over 1000 Chinese in attendance and led by deeply spiritual Chinese leaders. Miss Reid's comment was, ''One has no fear of the Chinese Church as one realizes how God is raising up men eminently fitted to lead their own people out into the deep things of God.'' The expenses which were heavy were more than met by a voluntary offering by the Chinese.

The Wedding Group. From Left— Miss Nell E. Elliott, Rev. H. O. T. Burkwall, Rev. W. R. McKay, Mrs. Burkwall, Dr. Jessie MacBean.

In Shek Lung Mr. Lelan Wong, an outstanding Chinese evangelist, was heard at special meetings preceding the autumn Presbytery, this being made possible by using part of our W.M.S. grant. Providing scholarships for a number of women and girls preparing for Christian work was another use to which our grant was put.

Travel has been unusually safe in spite of unsettled political conditions. There has been no consciousness of any anti-foreign feeling, only appreciation and friendship. Miss Reid expresses her regret that her marriage to Rev. H. O. T. Burkwall, Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, Canton, will sever her official connection with our Society. We, too, regret this but we also rejoice with her in the many evidences of God's grace and blessing in her work in the early days in China, in Canada amongst the Chinese, and since her return to the land of her adoption in 1930.

## Shanghai

OUR grant of money was forwarded to Mrs. Donald MacGillivray on her return to Shanghai in the autumn after the lamented death of the Rev. Doctor Donald MacGillivray, for so many years closely identified with the Christian Literature Society of China. They would greatly appreciate a larger grant were it within our power to send it. Mrs. MacGillivray writes that they had barely vacated their old quarters in Shanghai before they were totally destroyed in January by the Japanese. The Christian Literature Society is now safely housed in their fine new building. Mrs. MacGillivray has been occupied in Red Cross work during Shanghai's dark days.

## Manchuria China

ALL through the autumn Miss Crockett wrote of carrying on work in Szepingkai in spite of the disturbed conditions which have prevailed in unhappy Manchuria. Meetings were held but no country visiting was possible on account of banditry. Railway communications had been cut off on one line because of bombs being dropped around the station and public buildings, but Miss Crockett added ''apart from that there is nothing to hinder one from going!'' No real disturbance had taken place in our stations, as the foreign residences are located in the Japanese concession in Szepingkai, which insures a certain amount of protection of mission property.

From such things we turn to letters which tell of homely joys—the pleasant garden filled with fragrant flowers and much appreciated vegetables, of the entertaining of guests at Council and of Miss Crockett's door always open to Chinese and missionary friends when tired or ill—a real hospital at times. It is Miss Crockett's way to write little of her own work during peace or war. We doubt not that the Recording Angel's page for 1931 is a very full one nevertheless.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Goforth were welcomed home in July, and early in October Rev. Allan Reoch arrived in Taonan with his bride after a short furlough in Canada. Our latest announcement to the field is that we have in Miss Iris M. Errey a nurse evangelist well equipped and eager to set sail as soon as conditions warrant her leaving for Manchuria.

## Japan

DR. CAROLINE MACDONALD'S WORK.—During a part of last year Dr. Macdonald continued her helpful and uplifting work among the ''girls in industry,'' in Tokio, but in June, because of ill health, she was forced to relinquish her beloved task, say farewell to friends, and return to her home in London, Canada. On July 18th, 1931, she passed away in the hospital there. The funeral was held from the Presbyterian Church, Wingham, in which town her girlhood was spent. Thus has ended an earthly career of unselfish, distinguished service, a service made possible by complete surrender to the Christian ideal. By her strength of character and by the grace of her personality, she has left behind an influence that will grow and expand for the good of Japan and the world. Because of her good works many honors were bestowed upon her but now she has received from her Lord the highest honor possible, the ''well done good and faithful servant.''

As members of the W.M.S. we deeply regret the loss of this great internationalist and missionary of such outstanding qualifications and ability, but we thank God for her friendship, for her example of Christian living and for having had a share in helping her to carry out the single purpose of her life, which was, service for her Master through service to humanity.

*MISSION TO KOREANS IN JAPAN.*—The Koreans continue to pour into Japan. Their reason for coming is hard to understand for the country is already overcrowded and labor is very cheap. For the most part they are young people, and with eager eye and hopeful heart they come. A few will succeed, some will return to Korea broken in health and courage, and others will remain to eke out a precarious existence. It is to these strangers in a strange land that we have sent missionaries to Japan, and they are willing to listen to the message they bring. At present there are 6 missionaries on this field. Two of these are supported by our W.M.S., Miss Jean C. McLean and Miss Ellen Anderson. Our Society also shares in the support of native Bible women and teachers.

One aim of the missionaries is to teach the Korean Christians to feel their financial responsibility toward their church, and good progress was made during the year, for 5 workers were partially supported by local churches.

The gospel is given a wide circulation. Tract distribution, and house to house visitation followed by evangelistic meetings in the evening are the methods used. During the summer tent preaching was tried with splendid success.

Seven new groups were formed during the year, one of which is the result of the faithfulness of one Christian who had been a colporteur in Korea. Cut off from all church connection when he settled in northern Japan, he quietly gathered together a few believers whom he had discovered, for prayer and Bible study. When the missionary visited this outlying district for the first time he found this small group of Christians and now there is a small Church and Sunday School. Colporteurs of the Bible Societies also do much to help the missionary.

Through the Daily Vacation Bible School many hear the gospel for the first time. There are 33 schools with 102 teachers and 1373 pupils. In one non-Christian community, a Bible School resulted in the organization of a Sunday School, this led to regular Church services and now the group formed is financing a kindergarten school. Other methods are through night schools and Christian Endeavor Societies.

Miss McLean is in charge of the work among the women and kindergarten schools. She reports the organization of 15 Women's Missionary Auxiliaries, with a continually growing membership. The purpose of the Auxiliaries as impressed upon the members is, to preach the gospel to those who have not heard and for each member to witness daily before non-believers. In the meetings the Bible is the programme and prayer the power. Two Auxiliaries are already helping toward the support of their Bible women.

Women's Missionary Society in one of our Osaka Churches

There are 2 kindergartens in Kobe and 2 in Osaka. Miss MacLean feels it is impossible to express in words the great good the kindergarten is doing. The teachers are doing good work and ever keep Christ before the children by Bible stories and hymns.

A medical unit consisting of a native doctor, a nurse, a Bible woman and dispensary is very necessary in the great city of Osaka. Here extreme poverty abounds and sickness is common among the Koreans. A mission house is another great need. We are glad to report that the 1932 estimate provides for both these. A call also comes for an ordained missionary and above all, for the prayers of our people, for the salvation of the Koreans in Japan.

## British Guiana

MISS MARY MURRAY, B.A., the efficient and successful Principal of the Berbice Girls' High School, New Amsterdam, during the past three years (the term for which she was engaged), came home in June. On November 1st, Miss May Green, B.A., Congregationalist, a graduate of a London, England, university, with some teaching experience, was engaged for the remainder of the term—six months—and has been very happy in the work.

Writing on her return home, Miss Murray said: ''I am very sorry to hear that no one from Canada has been found to take my place. Surely, there must be some one, some where! The school was going on fairly well. I was trying to introduce more practical work, and the girls were taking to it quite eagerly, especially the cooking and laundry classes. We had a good year, as to attendance, quite a number of new pupils came in, and, of a desirable type. Ten entered for the Cambridge examinations. I felt very sad at leaving. One puts down many roots in three years. The girls gave me a very nice send-off. I was greatly touched and pleased.''

Miss Selina Cropper, half-time evangelistic worker in Demerara, visits among the homes and hospitals and carries on class work for the women.

## Candidates

MRS. D. INGLIS GRANT

IN reviewing the work of the past year, your Secretary finds that eighty-six names came into the department in the twelve months. Five of these remain—names only. Other five were candidates repeating applications of earlier dates. Seventy-six were new applicants for service, or for information with a view to service. Of these, twenty-six were interviewed by the Secretary in her home. With the other fifty more or less correspondence, or conference, was carried on, as required, through the year.

The list contains the names of teachers, nurses, doctors, deaconesses, young women with business training and experience, and older women familiar with various kinds of church and community work. One newspaper woman, and one man, add variety to the list.

Applications came from all over Canada, from eight States of the Union, and, one young applicant, in whom much interest centres at present, comes from Japan.

The applications from across the line, came mostly through our ''calls'' listed each year in the January issue of ''Far Horizons''.

Early in the spring, notices of our high school needs in Formosa were posted in University halls, by our Student department. As a result, fourteen college trained young women, in different parts of Canada, became interested. Unfortunately, with one exception, teaching in the Orient for two, or possibly three years, was the magnet which drew them—not missions.

Miss Gladys Black, a University graduate with unusually fine equipment, understood the need, and was prepared to accept appointment, but had to withdraw for family reasons. In the autumn, another effort was made to broadcast the need of University trained workers for our high schools in British Guiana and Formosa. The Rev. H. A. MacMillan, who was leaving on his tour of Canadian Colleges, on behalf of the Student Christian Movement, was asked, and most readily agreed, to have these special needs in mind, and to present them as opportunity offered.

In the meantime, the principalship of each high school, remains a problem to be carried over into yet another year. However, there are outstanding compensations. A well-equipped staff teacher has been secured for the Formosa School; three trained nurses, after six months of missionary preparation, are under appointment to overseas work; and, a ''new Canadian'' deaconess has been appointed to serve New Canadians.

During the year, appointments to National work, through this department were: Miss Janet M. Paterson, teacher, of Brandon, Manitoba, appointed to the teaching staff of the Indian Residential School, Birtle, Manitoba; Miss Millicent Arnold Walker, deaconess, of Tisdale, Saskatchewan, to Jewish work in Scott Institute, Toronto; Miss Viola Powell, R.N., of Englehart, Ontario, to nursing service in the ''Cecilia Jeffrey'' Indian Residential School, Kenora, Ontario; Miss Florence Manzer, teacher, Nashwaak Bridge, New Brunswick, to the teaching staff of the Indian Residential School, Birtle, Manitoba; Miss Julia Maystrowich, deaconess, of Fenwood, Saskatchewan, to Ukrainian work in the Presbytery of Toronto; Miss Evelyn Forsythe, deaconess, of Swift Current, Saskatchewan, to substitute work in Regina, Saskatchewan; and Miss Roberta Smith, pupil deaconess, of Orillia, Ontario, to port work in Quebec city.

The following appointments were made to overseas service: Miss Bessie Margaret MacMurchy, of Collingwood, Ontario, was appointed to hospital work in the Bhil Field, India. With a commercial diploma, and several years of business experience to her credit, Miss MacMurchy entered the Montreal General Hospital in 1928, to prepare for overseas nursing. At her graduation, in 1931, she received a prize for the highest aggregate marks during her three years' training, standing first in a class of 39. The past year was spent in the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, completing her preparation for work in India.

Miss Mary Eleanor McKechnie, of Valparaiso, Saskatchewan, was also appointed to India. She is a graduate of the Winnipeg General Hospital, and goes to her new work with four years of nursing experience, and a brief, but fine, record of pioneer service in Saskatchewan. After one year of missionary preparation in the Training Home, Miss McKechnie was appointed to nursing service in the Canadian Presbyterian Mission, Jhansi.

A third nurse, Miss Iris M. Errey, of Galt, Ontario, is a 1928 graduate of the Buffalo City Hospital, Buffalo, N.Y. Miss Errey has had valuable experience in public health nursing, nearly three years of private nursing, and by way of missionary preparation spent four months in The Toronto Bible College, and one year in our Training Home. She is now under appointment as a nurse evangelist to Manchuria.

Miss Mary Marshall Elizabeth MacVey, of Fredericton, N.B., was appointed to the teaching staff of our Girls' School, in Tamsui, Formosa. Miss MacVey holds a First Class Superior License from the Provincial Normal School, of New Brunswick; has had two years in McGill University, and one year of special work in English in the University of Fredericton. In music, she has advanced training, and holds a diploma from McGill University, for teaching music in public schools. She goes to Formosa with a keen interest in girls' work, in which she has had both training and experience. Her term in the Missionary and Deaconess training Home has been devoted to music and mission study.

Shortly after appointment, the candidates who are completing their Training School courses, were received as new missionaries, by our Council Executive, and were warmly welcomed by the President. Later they were presented to the Assembly's General Board of Missions.

With so many applicants for National work the needs at home were readily met during the year. But, a look at our far fields shows Formosa still asking for two evangelists and a kindergarten teacher; India needing a medical woman, another nurse, and an evangelistic worker, and, heading the list, as perhaps the most urgent, are the high school needs already reported.

Miss Phyllis Argall, B.A., Teacher to Formosa

After the above report was made, the Candidates' Committee secured the services of another teacher for overseas work. Miss Phyllis Argall, B.A., whose home is in Kobe, Japan, and who has been a student in the University of Toronto for the past five years, has been appointed to a term of service in the Girls' School in Tamsui, Formosa. Miss Argall is at present doing graduate work in English with a Master of Arts degree in view. She has the Japanese language and so will be ready to report for active duty when the School opens in September.

It is with much thanksgiving that the Candidates' Committee reports the sending of two teachers with such excellent qualifications to relieve the overworked staff of the Tamsui School.

# The World Day of Prayer

MISS J. M. NORTON

WE believe that there is not a woman who reads this magazine of her own church Society, in city or country, west or east, who will not be glad to know more about the Day of Prayer, February 12th last, and how it was observed throughout Canada.

The programme, prepared by Mrs. Yusufji, of India, was sent to practically all of the countries of the world. Probably in each of the countries much the same procedure was set in motion as in Canada, namely, a National Committee representing the Protestant communions, similar to the Inter-Board Committee of the Women's Missionary Societies of Canada, would adapt it to the needs of the country concerned. The programme was sent to the key women of the various provinces, who began to arrange for the denominations of every community to hold a meeting for prayer on that day, that should have as its line of thought, thanksgiving and petition, the same theme as that of the hundreds and thousands who met throughout the world during the twenty-four hours of February 12th.

And now many reports have come to the Inter-Board which show that the Day has been one of untold inspiration to the participants.

Due to incomplete reports, it is impossible to give the numbers of meetings. But, from the offerings sent in, it is certain that very many more communities participated than ever before, and here and there, throughout Canada, little groups of isolated women, five or ten in number, met in homes, and here and there one woman followed the programme through quite alone. British Columbia made much advance this year. Ontario had the largest increase in number of meetings, and Quebec, Saskatchewan and the Maritimes all showed increases. The Treasurer, Miss MacMurchy, tells us that, instead of receiving 515 letters, with offerings, as she did last year, she received, this year, 871.

Another delight has been in the interest shown in Young Women's and Girls' meetings, held in the late afternoon or evening. The first thought of this came from Winnipeg two years ago,—the idea ''caught on'' and this year, with a programme specially adapted for their use, scores of Young Women's groups, Sunday School Classes and C.G.I.T. groups held their meetings,—all following, as far as we know, all-denomination gatherings. These groups present the greatest field for advance for us in Canada. Will the chairwomen keep this thought in mind till next fall:— how many scores of girls and young women may be brought into our fellowship in 1933?

Listen to these:—

British Columbia Committee: ''Under the leadership of Miss Anne Fountain, the Girls' Service received attention this year. Two hundred copies were used, besides the service being printed in *The Torch* reached 350 C.G.I.T. Leaders.''

Rural Route address in Quebec: ''Enclosed please find offering of five women who met in one of the homes to observe the Day of Prayer.''

Bruce Peninsula village, Ont.: ''The Day of Prayer was held here for the first time with great blessing.''

Saskatchewan village: ''The day was cold with heavy winds and very few were present. I had to face the wind for three miles. We were so glad to see the snow that came with it, that the farm women turned out better than the town.''

Indian Reserve, Manitoba: ''To our surprise and delighted pleasure the men came as well as women. The prayer for peace rests too in the heart of the Red man.''

A town, Ontario: ''I did not get any word from the Committee but called the Presidents and Secretaries of the Auxiliaries of the different churches and planned for the prayer meeting on February 12th.''

New Brunswick village: ''Like the widow's mite, may it be blessed in bringing a ray to those who know not the love of Jesus Christ.''

Ontario Committee: ''The hardest task of the Committee was to get into touch with some responsible person in each county town, who could either act herself as Convener, or let us know who would. Finally there were only five county towns where we were not sure someone was functioning. There have been many examples of excellent co-operation and organization and some in very difficult places, such as Thunder Bay and Algoma Districts. As usual, the individual in charge is the determining factor.''

The offerings have been more generous than ever. Following are the contributions by provinces and the distribution made by the Committee to inter-denominational activities and Christian literature for non-Christian lands. The amount we were able to give to China will be one of the especial joys to all, since the loss in manuscripts and equipment of the Commercial Press there due to the recent military activities, has been incalculable. The contribution to the School of Missions will also give special pleasure, since it enables that well-loved institution to write off the last of its indebtedness.

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| Alberta | $ 220.26 |
| British Columbia | 494.03 |
| Manitoba | 247.26 |
| Ontario | 3,561.08 |
| Quebec | 174.69 |
| Maritimes | 451.49 |
| Saskatchewan | 250.80 |
| Total | $5,399.61 |

Allocated as follows:—

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| C. W. Allan, Shanghai, Chinese Christian Literature | $300.00 |
| Geo. H. Grant, Tokio, Japanese Christian Literature | 300.00 |
| Wm. Axling, Tokio, for Kagawa, Kingdom of God Movement | 500.00 |
| Gerald Bonwick, Seoul, Korea, Christian Literature | 200.00 |
| Mrs. Stanley White, New York, Women's Federation Foreign Mission Boards, Christian Literature Com. | 400.00 |
| Mrs. E. E. Olcott, Moslem Christian Literature | 300.00 |
| Miss Margaret Wrong, London, Eng., African Christian Lit. | 500.00 |
| Dr. Paton, London, Eng., India Christian Literature | 400.00 |
| Canadian School of Missions, Toronto | 600.00 |
| Interdenominational Leper Mission | 200.00 |
| British and Foreign Bible Society of Canada | 300.00 |
| Mrs. D. MacGillivray, Shanghai | 500.00 |
| Upper Canada Tract Society | 200.00 |
| International Com. Jewish Christian Literature | 300.00 |

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This Committee has already begun its work on the 1933 programme. Will you, who in the various parts of Canada, are responsible and interested, ''hold the thought'' and pray that 1932 can be quite easily outstripped in participation and spirit by 1933—if— ''united we stand''.

Day of Prayer in 1933, March 3rd.

## VERY TRUE

There are said to be three ways of spreading news—by telephone, telegraph and tell a woman.

The Western Relief work has revealed a fourth and most effective way—send a bale, for, wherever one has gone it has so commended itself that others have had to follow.

—*Mrs. H. R. Horne.*

# Our Moderator Visits Japan

DURING Easter week-end Rev. W. G. and Mrs. Brown arrived in Kobe. The visit of the Moderator was a great blessing to all of us, Koreans and missionaries alike. It was a touch with the home church such as could be had in no other way. I wish I could tell you just what it meant to have Mr. Brown preach in Kobe foreign church on Easter Sunday night (English service). It seemed to me I had never before heard the whole Gospel preached in one sermon and with such conviction. We would all enjoy hearing Mr. Brown speak on his return to Canada for it seemed to us that he observed everything and caught his impressions in a very clear manner.

—*Jean C. MacLean.*

**Our Moderator being shown the beauties of Nara Park. Left to right—Miss Ellen Anderson, the Moderator, Mrs. W. G. Brown.**

I am back again in my beloved Japan . I did not know how much I liked Japan until I had crossed over and was coming up by train from Shimoneseki. I was just thrilled to be back home again, and to see Mr. and Mrs. Young, our girls, and my Korean friends. We enjoyed the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Brown very much. Mr. Brown spoke in both our groups here in Kobe and also in Osaka, as well as giving a splendid message in the foreign church here on Easter Sunday evening. It was lovely to have them.

Ethel MacDonald and I are being stationed in Nagoya for perhaps a year.

—*Ellen Anderson.*

# O Stir Me, Lord

''Stir me, O stir me, Lord I care not how,
But stir my heart in passion for the world,
Stir me to give, to go, but most to pray;
Stir till the blood-red banner be unfurled
O'er lands that still in deepest darkness lie,
O'er deserts where no cross is lifted high.

Stir me, O stir me, Lord, Thy heart was stirred
By love's intensest fire, till Thou didst give
Thine only Son, Thy best-loved One,
Even to the dreadful cross, that I might live;
Stir me to give myself so back to Thee
That Thou canst give Thyself again through me.''

# My Mother's Prayer

*This beautiful prayer was sent to us by Mrs. E. H. Sawers, of Watford, in the hope that it might prove helpful to mothers who would like to have family worship with their children, but fail to do so when the father is away, because they cannot audibly voice their petitions. It was the prayer her mother used on similar occasions in their home. Many a mother will, we feel sure, be grateful to Mrs. Sawers for sharing with them a memory so precious.*

OUR Father in Heaven, at the close of another day we come to Thee with our evening sacrifice of praise and prayer. For the blessings and comfort of the day we thank Thee. For the wonderful love and care that has followed us through all the days of our lives, we bless and praise Thee. We thank Thee for the privilege of reading Thy Word and coming to Thee in prayer, casting all our care upon Thee, knowing that Thou carest for us. Our sins we confess before Thee. We pray that they may all be forgiven for Jesus' sake, and that Thou wilt take us and make us and keep us just what Thou wouldst have us to be. Bless with us all whom we love and all who love Thee, and we pray that Thou wilt hasten the time when all shall know Thee from the least unto the greatest, when the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. We commend us to Thy care and keeping as we lie down to rest. Protect us we pray from all harm and danger and bring us if it be Thy will to see the light of a new day. Prepare us for all that Thou art preparing for us. Prepare us for death and for heaven. All that we ask, with the pardon of our sins is for Jesus' sake. Amen.

## *They All With One Accord Began to Make Excuse*

WHEN I hear the excuses which we all so glibly make for not attending meetings I am reminded of this story:

I was at an Auxiliary meeting one day. There were seven women there—four young women, daughters, and five little folk. Three maiden ladies came by horse and buggy. They unhitched the horse and put it in the stable. One woman and her two children were deposited at the house early in the afternoon by her husband—to be called for. The fifth woman walked two miles, another came in the car with her daughter, and the seventh came in a car with her two children. And this is how she managed. Her husband could not bring her because he had to go to a threshing. She could not crank the car herself, so he started the car for her and she drove it to the place of meeting and stopped it on the top of the hill. Then when she was ready to go home she could take off the brake and the car would start itself by going down hill.

And yet what paltry excuses keep us at home sometimes!

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## The Church in a Changed World

The Church to-day finds itself in a vastly different world from the one of a few years ago. Modern discoveries, new inventions, the scientific spirit, and the enlarged knowledge of the world in all its aspects have had their effect not only on the world in general but especially on religion and the work of the Church. New problems and new difficulties stand in her path. The whole world has been changed. Mission lands have also felt this impact and, although backward and static for centuries, are now changing rapidly, giving the Church the opportunity of laying Christian principles in the foundations of the new nations that seem destined to exert a mighty influence on the whole family of nations . . . . . .

The world has changed, but the outstanding human needs remain as of yore. The world is poor, and sick, and ignorant, and sinful. Man needs a God who is Christ-like and who makes Christ-like men. The Church knows that God. She has that kind of men. The Church is the human agent by which men may come to know Jesus Christ, and may be led into that transformed Life.—C. H. Stauffacher in *The Evangelical Messenger.*

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*Greatly begin—though thou have time*
*But for a line, make that sublime:*
*Not failure, but low aim is crime. —Browning.*

# Books Old and New

By Lereine Ballantyne

"IF I do nothing else this summer," said a wise woman, "I'm going to get acquainted with the people of *one* country. I cannot go away, so I shall have to take my vacation on my front verandah. But I do not want to be alone, I want to have the companionship of the people of some one country, so that I shall know what is going on when I read the papers, and hear people talking about these economic troubles."

We are glad that she chose India, for there is no country more in the spotlight of the world to-day than India, and the problems there are those of practically every Eastern country—especially the racial and religious. It is an uninteresting process to sit down and read a missionary book for no particular reason, but to the girl or woman who takes a book like "Out of Bondage", or "India and Her Peoples" and reads it with the desire to *know* these people, and marks special bits for future reference, or copies out a sentence that is particularly suitable for use in discussions on the country, she will find when the book is finished, she has a wider knowledge of life, and a broader vision of the work her Church is doing far afield. Her influence on those about her will be lifted to a higher plane, by the simple medium of her more interesting conversation. That is how we should like to have some of our books read this year, for never before has there been such a need for women to KNOW what is needed in the world, to help bring about a spiritual reconstruction that shall stand the test of time, when material institutions crumble about our feet.

Which country would you like to choose? INDIA AND HER PEOPLES — JAPAN AND HER PEOPLES — CHINA AND HER PEOPLES—three books of excellent descriptive value, and volumes we unhesitatingly recommend for reading by all interested members of our Society. Paper bound, 60c. each

CRAFTSMEN ALL, by Edward Shillito, is a new book just arrived from Edinburgh, on great workers in the younger Churches. It is beautifully written, and presents the whole vision of missionary work abroad through what has been accomplished by the Evangelist, the Wayfarer, the Tribesman, the Samurai (Kagawa) and other great characters lighting the way. Paper bound 60c.

OUT OF BONDAGE, by Stephen Neill, is a book on the people of the Indian villages. It gives the picture of life in those myriad little villages with a graphic clarity of purpose. Price, paper covered 60c.

MEN WHO STOOD ALONE, by Mary Jenness, is a new book of twelve good stories, vividly written, for boys and girls, woven around dramatic incidents in the lives of the prophets of the Old Testament. Nicely bound, $1.25.

GOD IN THE SHADOWS is the sequel to ''God in the Slums,'' by Hugh Redwood, which sold in so many editions. It is a gripping story of the work of a newspaper man in London, England, and the influence of the Salvation Army in their work in the slums. Price per copy in paper binding, 35c.

THE BIGGEST BUSINESS OF LIFE, by W. Harry Freda, is a series of addresses on Christian living which are very fine. This book of cloth binding has been reduced from $1.25 to 60c.

### SUMMER CAMPS!

For leaders or girls going to camp, there are many helps. We suggest the Bible Study series, which consist of about twenty books on the Bible. These are cloth bound and are now 50c. per copy.

The following leader helps average from 15c. to 20c:— How a Leader Proceeds With a Group. Youth at Worship. Youth and Recreation. How a Leader Uses Organization. Youth in Camp.

## WITH THE AUXILIARIES

### Suggestions for June Programme

*Worship Service,* conducted by a member:— *Hymn*—373. *Bible Reading*—Isaiah 35. *Prayer—Glad Tidings,* p. 222 (tell the story of the prayer). *Business. Offering. Roll Call.*—Answer with name of a missionary and her field. *Solo.* Have five minutes' talk on: (a) *The progress of our overseas work* in the different countries in 1931; (b) *Our Societies' share* in this work, in money, contribution of lives (new workers appointed), number of women, girls and children interested, and number of new Societies. *Hymn*—797. *Prayer of Thanskgiving.*

## YOUNG WOMEN

### New Missionaries at Ontario Provincial

ONE of the most inspiring parts of the programme at Peterboro, when the Ontario Provincial met there in April, was witnessed when on Tuesday evening during the programme, five new missionaries were introduced to the huge gathering, which represented every age in the Church work from Mission Bands up to the Senior Auxiliaries.

Think of the inspiring sight of five young women, educated, (three trained as nurses) and ready to take up the business of life—yet at its very threshold, laying their whole future on the altar of service in the Master's name.

As each spoke one felt the fulfillment of a dream, sweet because of its high resolve, and more dear because its culmination was often uncertain—only the clear gleam of the lamp of faith lit the way, yet that gleam was strong enough to bring at last their heart's desire. We are sure that these young women will find themselves leading the people among whom they work, in a way that shall bring honor and acclaim to their achievements.

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### A Chinese Evening

Two Montreal Young Women's Auxiliaries are studying China this year. For their evening on Chinese customs and life, they had a banquet in a private room in a Chinese restaurant. There was a fine threatened for anyone who ate without chopsticks. Miss Jue explained the various courses and, after the ''feast,'' which they love to call it, Miss Dickson gave a fascinating talk on Chinese customs. One very interesting little tid bit they did not expect was when the waiter broke into Miss Dickson's speech with some added bits of information. This took the form of a regular meeting.

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### Concentrating With Regularity

As you break up for the summer could you agree to take two minutes of silence for a day a week wherever you are, to keep a certain continuity of prayer for the work.

Or take a special hour a day or a special hour a week, and during that hour keep your thought on the work, each in her own way. It would be wonderful to think of young women during their holiday thinking and praying about the young women of other lands. No one can estimate the power that will result.

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### Economies

A keen business woman declares she has sufficient faith to believe that we shall come out of this difficult economic situation if we will remain faithful to the best things. ''But,'' she added, ''what alarms me is the way in which so many people are making their first economy their gifts to Church and Missions.''

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### Let Us Now Broadcast!

For the first time in Islamic history a radio microphone has been installed in a Turkish mosque—the Santa Sophia, one of the most famous religious edifices in Turkey. Mustapha Kemal has directed that the radio services be chanted from the newly adopted Turkish Koran by twenty-five clergymen. This is a notable departure from ancient custon in religious service effected by the progressive Turkish president this year. The Arabic Koran, always unintelligible to the layman, was replaced early in January in some Istanbul mosque by a Turkish translation.

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### DREAM ON

Dream on—and dare dream on—
And never learn that dreams are futile—
For the very wise are seldom happy.
Dream when sunsets burn—
And dream when golden morning gilds the skies.

Dream on—although no dream of years comes true—
Although the thing you hope
May never seem
To find fruition—still
The heart of you—
If not the thing—at least
Has had the dream.

—Canadienne in U.S.A.
—From the Homemaker, *Toronto Globe.*

## GIRLS AND LEADERS

### WHAT PART HAD YOU?

THE 1931 Annual Report has gone to the printer and these are the figures tabulated for the Girls' Organization Department: number of groups, 307; membership, 4,066; value of supplies, $656.31; contributions, $1,282.58. In the first three sets of figures, encouraging increases are noted but the contributions show a decrease of $212. The average proportion per group is $4.14 and per girl 31c. Since these sums are not according to fact, the question arises did you make or mar the average? In some cases such a sum means sacrifice and effort, in others, a certain indifference to the great need of the times. Check up on yourself and watch the scales another year!

To the organizations which have fulfilled all the requirements of affiliation,* recognition certificates have been forwarded. Unfortunately, at the time of writing, the exact number of recipients can not be stated. As in the case of the cover of the recent study book, the certificate was designed by Stephen Landon.

The 1932 project brings you to the Homeland and arises out of the study of the First Canadians. Health Protection for the Indian girl and boy in the Residential Schools is the work allotted to the girls' organizations.

''Cherish Health'' is part of your purpose and, through your effort, is being incorporated into that of the pupils in the ''Cecilia Jeffrey'' and Birtle Schools. In each school, there is a trained nurse who looks carefully to the health of the girls and boys. Your contributions for the year ending December, 1932, go to meet the salaries of these two nurses. You can think of the health record kept of every student. Each week the weight is registered and it is a ritual in which even the pet kitten is included. On a warm, sunny day, the scales are placed out-of-doors in the playground.

Perhaps some of you may be inclined to say, ''Who fusses about me like that? Why must I be responsible for the health of the Indians?

Look back in your Canadian history and read about the fitness of the First Canadians who prided themselves on strength, stature and endurance. The physical training of the hunter was a part of the education of every Indian boy, while the girls were likewise instructed in the art of well-being. Diet was not ignored in those days and, since it was believed that meat made man short-winded, many an Indian athlete dined exclusively upon fish and roots. The Turkish bath had a place in the Indian idea of physical fitness. Water was thrown upon heated stones within what was known as the sweat-lodge where the men sat crouching and perspiring in the steam, the conclusion of the treatment being a plunge into a running stream even in the winter season. These and many other were the practices of the Red Man before he was closed in upon by his white neighbors. Since then, the deterioration of the former's health has been marked. The white man's mode of living was not adaptable to the Indian in his native surroundings. Disease found him an easy victim and, as a result, the heritage of health is not being handed down nowadays to the next generations. Should there not be some attempt to restore to the Indian girls and boys what is their due?

## Camps

The final word is camp!!! Both July and August are red-lettered with camp dates and those of summer schools as well. For information concerning Presbyterian and interdenominational camps for girls and leaders, write to the Board of S.S. and Y.P.S., Room 701, 372 Bay Street, Toronto 2.

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* W.M.S. Constitution, Clause XXXIII, p. 219 of 1930 Report, "Any organizations for girls, whether Canadian Girls in Training, Girl Guide Company, Girls' Guild, Girls' Mission Group, or organized class, may become affiliated with the Women's Missionary Society by taking up regular mission study and contributing to the funds or by assisting in the work of the Supply Department.

# MISSION BANDS

## CHILDREN IN MANCHURIA HEAR ABOUT JESUS

*Dear Little Friends:*

SOME time ago we promised that we would tell you about the work with the children in Manchuria, and especially about a series of meetings we had in Szepingkai, which is pronounced Zeping-kai.

First, pictures and mottoes were bought, and a room was fitted up in our home for the children's meeting. The children seemed so happy with their ''own room'' and many attended without missing a session.

The meetings were held once a week and lasted one hour. In that hour, there was plenty of singing of hymns and choruses which the children liked. Memory verses took up a good deal of the time. For each verse memorized a small picture card was given. When the child had four of these they were exchanged for a larger one and thus they climbed toward a final goal which was a prize for memory work, attendance, etc. at the meetings throughout the fifteen weeks. You must remember that the children out here know nothing of God or Christ or the Bible, and have to be taught everything from the beginning.

After each meeting every child received a picture post card with a text written on the back in Chinese. The Mission Band of Evangel Hall, and different Sunday Schools in Toronto sent a number of these cards, which they had prepared in that way. The children love to get things like that particularly when they know that friends in Canada have sent them.

Just a little story in connection with the work.

One Saturday night, as we were saying good night to the crowd, young and old, inviting them to return to the Sabbath services, a very bright-faced little girl came along. We asked her to come to Sunday School and children's meeting each week. Although she gave such a sweet smile in reply, we wondered if she would come. Later we again asked her to come to the children's meetings, which she did, bringing her baby brother who wept so at the strange place and strange people that she had to take him home, saying she would return, and, sure enough she did return bringing three or four other children with her, and a bunch of flowers! She came about three weeks, then stopped for two. Finally, seeing her we asked why she did not come and we were told that she liked coming to learn about Jesus but that when she told her friends about it they all laughed at her and said if she came back she couldn't be their friend! And she didn't like to lose her friends! She was told that Jesus was her Great

Friend and loved her and her little friends, that if she liked to hear about Him, and thought His teaching good, she would want to persuade them to come with her rather than let them persuade her to stay away. She promised to think it over, and next week was back in her place.

From then on, Lan Fen never missed a meeting, and her bright eager face was always a real encouragement, and not another in the group was more faithful than she in the memory verses, or in any work given. She says she really loves Jesus. When she gets a little older—she is only about ten—we hope to see her give her life to Him entirely.

Her mother came to see the pictures on the Life of Christ and to the closing children's meeting, and seemed very pleased and proud of her daughter's share in the memory work contest, and singing, and her little talk on ''Believing'' which was very nicely done.

The following is the memory work which the children did and did well. The First, Twenty-third, and Twenty-fourth Psalms; Books of the Old and New Testaments; The Ten Commandments; The Lord's Prayer; The Beatitudes; Is. 55:1, Matt. 5:16, 28:19-20, John 3:16, 5:24, and Rev. 3:20. There were also four or five choruses used in connection with talks given throughout the season. These were all recited by the children on the closing day.

We ask you to pray for the children of China, that they may learn to love Jesus Christ.

*—Mabel and Joseph A. Koffend.*

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### Greetings From A Formosan Mission Band

Mrs. G. W. Mackay, of Tamsui, Formosa, sends greetings from her Mission Band of over 60 members to our Mission Bands in Canada. We hope to hear more about this Band from our Moderator's wife when she returns from Formosa. In the meantime our Mission Banders send good wishes to this Jubilee Band in Tamsui.

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### THE SHINING SHEPHERD

By Elizabeth S. Royce

Brother of all children
Thank You for to-day,
For the food and care I've had,
Mother's love, and play.

Now my day is ended
As it was begun,
Happy face and happy heart
Bowed to greet God's Son.

Shining Shepherd, call all
Children everywhere,
Till we crowd about You
Lovingly in prayer.

# PROVINCIAL NEWS

## ALBERTA

MRS. R. J. CHRYSTAL, CARSTAIRS, PRESS SECRETARY

### Annual Meeting

THE 18th annual meeting of the Provincial met in Grace Church, Calgary, on March 29th and 30th, with some fifty representatives from many districts in the Province present. All the sessions were well attended. The President, Mrs. Allott, presided, making a survey of our work and the ''Blessedness of Service'' the theme of her annual address.

Devotions were taken by Mrs. Jack, Red Deer, Mesdames Findlay, Rogers and Williams, of Calgary. Mrs. George Rae welcomed the delegates and Mrs. Jas. Adam, of Edmonton, graciously responded.

In summing up the work of the Departments, Mrs. MacMicking, Corresponding Secretary, seeing increases all along the line, voiced the hope that the same growth and progress would continue through the coming year. We now have 4 Presbyterials, 27 Auxiliaries and 7 Associate Societies, with a total membership in the adult Societies of 635, the junior Societies contributing a membership of 1,184. Our newest and furthest north Auxiliary, Grande Prairie, though small, has shown its interest in the outside world by sending for 50 copies of the World Day of Prayer programmes.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Clark, of Calgary, reports $5,005.72 sent to the General Treasurer. In addition to this, supply work to the extent of $1,063.88 was administered. The Life Membership Secretary issued during the year, I Honorary, 23 Life Members, 27 Junior Certificates, 3 second year seals and one 4th year seal. Two Mission Band members completed their five year payments and received a Life Membership. Thirty-nine papers have passed through the Exchange Department, and 4 new ones were added. Mrs. Walker, Welcome and Welfare Secretary, made 607 visits and wrote 105 letters. Mrs. Carmichael had 9 requests for slides. Mrs. Moors sent 1,291 lbs. of literature to outposts, as well as Bibles and hymn books and material for a library at Rolling Hills Sunday School. $223.60 worth of literature was sold from that Department.

Mrs. Wilson sounds the note of increase in every Department of her Home Helpers work—increase in membership is now 393, increase in subscription to the *Glad Tidings,* increase in those joining Auxiliaries, increase in offerings, $665.70.

Three hundred and sixty-nine patients were treated in the Vegreville Hospital at a cost of $2.80 per patient per day. Miss McPherson reports a number of these as non-paying patients and some outstanding accounts. Mrs. Robertson gave a report showing the value of the work at the Vegreville Homes, number of pupils as 19.

Greetings were read from Mrs. Daniel Strachan, the Council President, also from Mrs. H. R. Horne, Saskatchewan Provincial President.

The evening session was devoted to the young people. Three sketches, taken from the works of Pauline Johnson, depicting Indian legends and customs was presented by groups of the C.G.I.T. of Grace Church. Miss Marjorie MacKenzie, Edmonton, delegate to the Student Volunteer Movement at Buffalo, gave as her impressions of that great gathering, that of the fellowship of the conference and its thought in world terms.

With a most impressive ceremony Rev. Mr. Rogers installed the new officers.

Miss Lamont, Field Secretary, was the special speaker at all sessions. ''Strengthening the Church'' being the topic of her Tuesday address and the ''Need of Renewed Spiritual Life'' that of her talk on Wednesday. Rev. Mr. Luxton, of Christ Church, Calgary, was the guest speaker of the closing session.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. D. A. FOWLIE, 501 WINNIPEG ST., PENTICTON, PRESS SECRETARY

VICTORIA P.S.—The April meetings of the W.M.S. and the Y.W.M.S. were blended into one with the Y.W. as hostesses. A delightful programme was presented, and the evening spent together by the two Societies was both helpful and entertaining and marked the united interests of St. Andrew's mission workers. The Y.W.M.S. of St. Paul's, Victoria West, were invited guests and their presence added to the success of the meeting. An enjoyable social hour followed.

Mission Bands keep up their active service. The Joseph McCoy Band of Knox, Victoria, at a recent meeting had as their guest speaker, Mrs. Kennedy, President of St. Andrew's W.M.S., who told them a beautiful story with the Cross of Christ as the theme. The business meeting was conducted by the children and their leader, Mrs. Cooper, and a programme of songs and recitations put on. The W.M.S. provided a treat and 25 sat down to a bountifully spread table. Each child was given a surprise packet of candy and a red letter afternoon was registered.

The ''Goforth'' M.B. of St. Andrew's, Victoria, gave an afternoon tea at the home of the President, Miss Phyllis Gibson, Oak Bay. A beautiful knitted quilt was admired by the many guests. Delicious candies were sold and the refreshments served were dainty and acceptable. Among those present were many members of the W.M.S. who are well assured that in years to come their places will be filled by trained successors. The programme of vocal and instrumental music was of high merit. The ''Goforth'' Band is proving its efficiency and interest in the work of missions.

**Westminster P.S.**—Central Church Auxiliary held its Easter Thankoffering meeting recently, the Budget Committee of the Church of which the Auxiliary President, Mrs. John McPherson is a member, co-operating. Rev. Alex. Dunn led the devotions and Miss Darroch, missionary of the China Inland Mission, who was on her way home to Scotland, gave an interesting address on her work.

### Mission Band Rally

The annual rally of the Mission Bands of the Presbyterial was held in Central Church, March 30th. The Bands now number 32. A few of the Bands were unable to be present on account of distance or bad weather, nevertheless, 225 girls and boys responded to the roll call. A large number of parents and friends were also present. Mrs. Angus Mackenzie, Mission Band Secretary presided. Miss Blythe and Miss Ruth Yeandle led the devotions. Greetings from the church were presented by Rev. J. MacGillivray. The programme consisted of items by the different Bands interspersed with short addresses by Mrs. Jas. Herd, Provincial Vice-president, Mrs. R. M. Thomson, Presbyterial President and Mrs. John A. MacPherson, President of Central Auxiliary. A feature of the programme was the presentation of the banner to Robertson Church Band for general proficiency. Rev. Thos. Wilson spoke a few words in closing, followed by the benediction. Refreshments were then served to the girls and boys.

The April meeting of Fairview Auxiliary took the form of a reception to its Home Helpers. Mrs. Wm. Shea, Presbyterial Secretary of this department, spoke on the value and importance of the Home Helpers to the Society.

A rally of the Presbyterian 'teen-age girls of Vancouver and New Westminster was held in Central Church Hall, March 29th. The different organized groups contributed to the programme and lantern slides of ''Council Fires'' were shown.

## MANITOBA

MRS. W. F. HOGARTH, 118 N. JOHN ST., FORT WILLIAM, ONT., PRESS SEC.

### Annual Meeting

THE annual meeting of Manitoba Provincial Society opened in First Church, Brandon, March 31st. Mrs. Cowan, on behalf of Brandon Presbyterial, welcomed the delegates.

The President, Mrs. J. S. Hutchison, in her address pointed out that in these times of uncertainty and suffering, we must hold fast to our faith, remembering that God has said, ''I am the Lord, I change not.'' Our W. M. S. has a large task for 1932, let us therefore go forward in faith and earnest prayer.

The messages of the Presbyterial Presidents were very inspiring, the outstanding note in each one was the need of more prayer.

The reports of departments were all very gratifying, the majority showing that they were holding their own. Some told of slight decreases.

Mrs. White chose as her text Zech. 8:5 ''And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof.'' She stressed the importance of prayer in the homes and said the aim of the W.M.S. was to unite the women and children of the church in prayer and service. Speaking to the Mission Band report Mrs. White said we have no cause for pessimism. God has given us 34 Mission Bands with 1,048 children to teach and bring to Him. Givings, $779.80.

At the evening meeting it was a great delight to hear Miss Leggat's report of the Student Volunteer Convention. The other speaker was Rev. Gordon McLean, who chose as his subject, ''Missionary Enterprise.''

Mrs. Ballantyne gave a most inspiring message on ''Love'' at the devotional exercises on Thursday. ''Love,'' she said, ''means service for others, doing kind deeds, making other people happy. There is only one thing greater than happiness and that is holiness.''

The report of the Nominating Committee was read and adopted, the Literature Secretary being the only change—Mrs. J. T. Payne, Winnipeg.

In the closing words Mrs. Moore counselled the members to follow the example of their Master and take their difficulties to the Lord, and pray for renewed faith and courage.

During the meetings musical numbers were given by St. Andrew's and First Church Mission Bands and St. Andrew's choir.

**Superior P.S.**—The following delegates to the Provincial annual meeting reported the meeting to the different branches: Mrs. W. Ballantyne and Miss Jean Stevenson to the Superior Presbyterial; Mrs. McCormick to First Church W.M.S., Port Arthur; Mrs. Moore, to Fort Frances Auxiliary; Mrs. Geo. Blake, to the Young Women's Guild of St. Andrew's Church, Fort William.

St. Andrew's C.G.I.T., Fort William, entertained their mothers and the members of First Church C.G.I.T., Port Arthur, at their regular meeting in April. The programme was in charge of the members of the 1931 Camp. About 200 were present.

**Winnipeg P.S.**—An interesting feature of the Thank-offering meeting of St. John's Church W.M.S., Winnipeg, was that it was held jointly with the ''Ellen Douglas'' Young Women's Auxiliary. Miss R. Niven gave a paper on The Life and Work of the late Dr. Caroline Macdonald. The meeting was well attended by both Auxiliaries. Mrs. Flook and Mrs. Wm. Hogg, Winnipeg, were the speakers at the Thank-offering meeting of Knox Church.

Crystal City Auxiliary has been weakened by removals and deaths, but a few faithful women are holding the ropes. They receive 6 *Glad Tidings.*

The ''Eleanor Malcolm'' M.B., St. James Church has a membership of 23 and is enjoying the study book ''Big Ships and Little People.''

The Kildonan W.M.S. had Mrs. F. A. Gemmill, of Selkirk, as guest speaker at their Thank-offering. She spoke of the work in the Bhil field and told how Mrs. Abey decided to build the nursing home of that name for the Bhil babies. An enjoyable item was a reading by Mrs. R. McBeth.

### The Late Mrs. James W. Wellwood

On April 2nd, death removed one of the fine pioneer women of Manitoba—Sarah Jane Wellwood, widow of Rev. James W. Wellwood, and mother of Mrs. D. W. Yuill, Melita, at the age of 85. In 1880, at the request of Dr. James Robertson, Mr. Wellwood went to Minnedosa as a missionary, his wife accompanying him. His field included the settled part west of Gladstone and north of Brandon. In addition to sharing in homesteading duties and caring for her family Mrs. Wellwood was active in Church and W.M.S. work and was at her death, Hon. President of Brandon Presbyterial.

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## ONTARIO

Mrs. D. Mason McLennan, 167 Roehampton Ave., Toronto, Press Sec.

### Annual Meeting

THe eighteenth annual meeting of Ontario Provincial Society was held in St. Paul's Church, Peterborough, on April 19th, 20th and 21st, with a registered attendance of 267. The church, of impressive dignity and beauty, is well adapted for a large gathering, and every arrangement for the convenience and comfort of the delegates was made by the committee in charge. A cordial welcome was extended on behalf of the Presbyterial by Mrs. D. Ewart, while greetings from Synod were voiced by Rev. Dr. A. T. Barr, minister of the church. Appreciated deeply was the gracious hospitality of the hostesses, and of the members of the Auxiliary and Presbyterial. The music so generously contributed by the organist of the church and by the soloists added greatly to the services.

The programme was carried through methodically and harmoniously with the feeling of the meeting which was one of intense and living interest. The opening services of scripture and prayer were based on, Divine Love, Long-suffering, Authority, Expectancy, while closing prayers implored the Divine blessing on every phase of the work.

Each of the 24 Presbyterials were represented, and the reports showed an inspiring outlook, and courage in overcoming difficulties. To Junior organizations is due the credit for a total increase of 44 organizations and 342 members, the total membership now being, 34,996.

Provincial Secretaries, in presenting reports of the past year's work, made special mention of points that would be helpful in the work of the coming months. The Student Secretary, appointed early in the year, announced that this department was organized in 13 Presbyterials, with beneficial results. In Welcome and Welfare work, half the 2,449 persons whose names were received had connected with some part of our church life. Supplies, to the value of $22,589 were sent to institutions or where needed. *Glad Tidings* subscriptions totaled 16,579. The Treasurer, Mrs. C. H. Thorburn, reporting receipts of $131,962.38, made a strong appeal for increased givings to meet the urgent need.

Addresses were given at each afternoon and evening session. The President, Mrs. W. A. McLennan, who presided throughout, stressed the value of enthusiastic and concerted effort in speaking of the three things involved in W.M.S. membership, an understanding of the work, prayer for the work, and giving to its support. Miss Laura Pelton at the evening service, where many members of junior organizations were present, gave a forceful picture of the soul answering the question of Christ, ''Lovest thou Me?'', pointing out that the proof of love is service, and its manifestations are far-reaching. In another address, when her theme was ''A Call to Prayer,'' she showed that if we pray as Christ prayed, it will be a prayer that the world may be spiritually unified. The Rev. Stuart Parker, D.D., Toronto, spoke of the extent to which the Gospel had spread in the centuries since Christ, and of the responsibility of all Christian people to share this Gospel with others. Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, speaking on ''Our opportunity in the Home Land'' showed that our Society has a message and a mission. She touched on the many needs for a helping hand, on what had been done to relieve this need, and on what could be done by a united, consecrated membership.

A wonderful picture was presented on Young People's Evening, when a chorus of over one hundred girls, members of Mission Bands, C.G.I.T. Groups, and Young Women's Auxiliaries, in quaint long white frocks, with girdles and hair bands of deep blue, companioned by a group of boys of the Burning Bush, marched into the church, and later were ranged on the platform, singing the sweet old songs. One small group of girls sang ''Jesus Loves Me,'' in Chinese.

Followed Miss Winifred Ferguson, who introduced to the audience the five young women, students of the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, who have been appointed to national and overseas fields. Each young missionary spoke briefly, telling of her call to service and her hope for the future. Miss Jean Cowan, Girls' Work Secretary, expressed her joy in her association with them. Above the platform was hanging a large blue W.M.S. banner, inscribed with the name and motto and the Burning Bush. This banner was later presented to the Provincial Society by Mrs. W. H. Mitchell, in memory of her mother. To the attentive little page who had given very helpful service, the President presented a book about Indians, entitled ''Spirit Fire.''

Informative and very interesting was the Question Box, conducted by Mrs. C. H. Thorburn. Many of the questions arose as the result of discussions following reports, while others were prompted by experience, but all were authoritatively and happily answered.

A letter from Mrs. H. R. Horne, Regina, expressed deep appreciation of the generous response of the women of the church to the appeal for assistance for the people of the stricken areas in the West.

Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll conducted the election and the installation of officers, giving a very beautiful message to the women ''who work, pray and give to missions.'' The Society rejoices in the re-election, as President, of Mrs. W. A. McLennan. The retiring Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. J. McCullough, who has given so many years of faithful and efficient service, was presented with a bouquet of flowers, from her fellow members on the Board, and a letter of appreciation read by Mrs. J. A. Locheed.

Regret was expressed at the retirement from the Board of Mrs. J. M. Empey, Mrs. W. W. Bryden, Mrs. F. H. Larkin and Mrs. John Stewart, while a welcome was extended to the new members, Mrs. K. B. Schroeder, Mrs. G. A. Perry, Mrs. J. M. Dickson.

The invitation of Stratford Presbyterial to hold the next annual meeting in Stratford was accepted.

Changes in Secretaries: Corresponding, Mrs. John Williams, 23 Bowood Ave., Toronto; Young Women's, Mrs. K. B. Schroeder, 123 Sherwood Ave., Toronto; Life Membership, Mrs. G. A. Perry, Dalhousie

Station, Que.; Exchange combined with Literature, Miss Blanche Armstrong, 46 Blake St., Hamilton.

## QUEBEC

MRS. J. D. ANDERSON, 108 ELLICE ST., BEAUHARNOIS, PRESS SECRETARY

### Annual Meeting

FIRST Presbyterian Church, Montreal, was the place and April 19th the date when the Quebec Provincial convened for its fifteenth annual meeting.

The President, Mrs. I. C. Sharp, in her address, outlined the history of the Society from its infancy, almost 70 years ago, to date. It was unanimously agreed that this valuable production should be placed in the Exchange so that all Auxiliaries might have access to the information it contained. Another heartening feature in the afternoon was the report, by Miss Mary Hill, of the recent meeting of the Student Volunteer Movement Convention held in Buffalo.

The growth and efficiency of the Young Women's and Girls' Work, which were the weak points a year ago, were the encouraging ones to-day.

The Recording Secretary, Mrs. A. S. Reid, reviewed the year's work and drew attention to the progress in the different departments.

Miss L. A. Sinclair, Corresponding Secretary, gave a summary of the achievements and standing of departments. In the two Presbyterials, Montreal and Quebec, there are 50 Auxiliaries, with a membership of 1,532, the total membership in all departments being 4,279. The Home Helpers showed increased interest with 1,095 members. Over 800 visits were made during the year; 69 Home Helpers had become active members, and there were 148 new members. The 43 Home Helper departments had contributed $2.044.51. Enthusiasm and earnestness had been shown in the Young Women's department, and Associate groups were doing helpful work. The 31 Mission Bands and two senior groups had a membership of 1,063, an increase of 58 over last year. The sum of $1,073.83 had been raised. The supply department reported bales sent out to the value of $1,866.81. During the year 77 Life Membership Certificates had been issued, an increase of 15.

Secretaries of departments gave detailed reports of their work.

The financial statement, presented by Mrs. Robert J. Bell, showed that receipts for the year were $20,403.42. The sum of $19,235 was sent to the General Treasurer, and the balance on hand is $3.19.

At the evening session Rev. Dr. M. A. Campbell conducted the devotions. Greetings from the Synod were brought by Rev. Dr. A. S. Reid.

An address was given by Mrs. D. Strachan, Toronto, President of the

W.M.S., who discussed the question ''What do you think of missions?'' The speaker touched on the various attitudes to missions—those who apparently do not believe in them since they do nothing towards their support; those who give grudgingly because it is expected of them; those who believe in home but not in foreign missions; others who give to everything else first and to missions if anything else is left. Missions, Mrs. Strachan declared, should be the supreme task of the Church.

Changes in Secretaries are: Mission Band, Mrs. Henry Aitken.

**Montreal P.S.** Executive was held in Knox-Crescent Church Hall, April 15th. Encouraging reports were received from the Departmental Secretaries. Mrs. John Buchanan, Amkhut, India, addressed the gathering, which was well attended.

### Mission Band Rally

Winter storms held no terror for the 400 happy children of Montreal and surrounding districts who gathered together Easter Monday in First Presbyterian Church for their annual Mission Band rally. Miss K. Campbell brought greetings from the First Church Auxiliary. This was followed by a programme of songs, dialogues, recitations, etc., by the various Bands, arranged by Mrs. W. J. Muir, Presbyterial Mission Band Secretary. The banners were awarded to Lachine and St. Lambert representing the city Bands and presented by Mrs. I. C. Sharp, Provincial President, and to Athelstan and Georgetown, the ''out of town'' groups, by Mrs. A. W. Pae, Presbyterial President. A display of work done by the various Bands was very much admired.

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*April 30th, 1932*

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| A Friend, "Relief Supplies" | 25.00 |
| A Friend, "Relief Supplies" | .75 |
| Rent of property at Vegreville | 30.00 |
| Miss L. C. Lamb, Knox Church, Montreal | 1,000.00 |
| Government grant, Birtle Indian School | 3,500.00 |
| Government grant, "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian School | 4,932.43 |
| Government grant, Mistawasis | 225.00 |
| PROVINCIAL GIVINGS: | |
| Alberta | 535.56 |
| British Columbia | 650.00 |
| Manitoba | 285.00 |
| Ontario | 9,600.00 |
| Quebec | 1,350.00 |
| Saskatchewan | 175.00 |
| | $22,328.89 |

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| South Porcupine Hospital | $ 250.00 |
| McMurray Hospital | 75.00 |
| Canora Hospital | 588.32 |
| Vegreville Hospital | 250.00 |
| Chinese in Canada | 725.57 |
| "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian School | 800.00 |
| Government grant paid "Cecilia Jeffrey" | 4,932.43 |
| Birtle Indian School | 682.82 |
| Government grant paid Birtle | 2,500.00 |
| Mistawasis Indian School | 132.00 |
| Presbyterian Residences: | |
| Huntingdon | 172.44 |
| New Liskeard | 68.33 |
| Saskatoon | 272.49 |
| Prince Albert | 104.16 |
| Vegreville | 73.69 |
| Welcome and Welfare | 1,388.13 |
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| Candidates | 113.50 |
| Pensions | 91.66 |
| Deputation | 53.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 160.50 |
| Student | 169.74 |
| Administration | 560.41 |
| New Missionaries | 846.97 |
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# Editorial

MISS BESSIE MacMURCHY, of Toronto, has been elected President of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The election took place in the Board Room of Knox College, on Tuesday morning, June 14th,—the first meeting of the Council Executive after the General Assembly had accepted the members of the Council Executive. Miss MacMurchy succeeds Mrs. Daniel Strachan who has filled the position for four years with notable ability, and whose tenure of office, according to the Constitution, now terminates.

Miss Bessie MacMurchy, President-elect

The President-elect brings to this responsible position much valuable experience. She has occupied the post of First Vice-president and was for many years Corresponding and International and Interdenominational Secretary. In this capacity she was widely known and her many correspondents in Canada and other lands will rejoice in the honor that has been accorded her. Miss MacMurchy is also a member of the Assembly's General Board of Missions and, in 1927, was appointed a member of the General Assembly's deputation to visit the Presbyterian Mission Fields in India. She has served as chairman of the Inter-Board Committee of the Women's Missionary Societies of Canada; Vice-president of the Council of Home Missions of the United States and Canada. She is also Federation Representative of the Women's Foreign Mission Boards of North America, and is a gifted speaker.

Miss MacMurchy served in France during the world war as a nursing sister. Dr. Helen MacMurchy, well known throughout Canada as Chief of the Child Welfare Department of Health, Ottawa, and the well known writer, Lady Willison, are sisters.

The sense of regret that always attaches to a change of officers, particularly the change of a President, was brightened by a beautiful gift of roses from the members of the Executive to the retiring President, Mrs. Strachan, in appreciation of her splendid leadership during the past four years.

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THE election of a new President has necessitated a number of changes in officers. These are: *President*—Miss Bessie MacMurchy; *Vice-Presidents*—Mrs. A. R. McMurrich, Mrs. D. Strachan, Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, Mrs. D. D. Calvin; *Secretaries—Corresponding, International and Interdenominational*—Mrs. Donald Gordon; *Treasurer*—Mrs. Daniel Strachan; *Young Women's Auxiliaries*—Mrs. J. D. Holman; *School Residences and Hospitals*—Mrs. J. M. Poole; *Mission Bands*—Mrs. W. R. Adamson, formerly Mission Band Secretary of Toronto Presbyterial and later Assistant Mission Band Secretary of the Council was elected in place of Mrs. J. W. Dill, who asked to be relieved of the active duties of this office. Mrs. Dill, however, still retains her membership on the Executive, but without portfolio. In Mrs. Dill's long term of office, seventeen years, she has won a host of friends from coast to coast, but best of all she has won the love of the little children.

**Kindly address all correspondence to the new Secretaries. For their addresses, see the inside cover.**

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AS all our members know, our Church is faced with a heavy debt which greatly hampers her work and impedes her progress. At the meeting of the General Assembly in London, a plan was presented by Dr. A. S. Grant and endorsed, for the liquidating of this debt. In this enterprise our W.M.S. has been asked to take a definite share and has accepted the responsibility. This will be over and above our estimates. Our members will receive shortly from their Provincials full information regarding the undertaking and what is expected of them.

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ANNOUNCEMENT is made of the appointment of Dr. Elizabeth Hope Thurrott, as evangelistic medical missionary to our field in Jhansi, India. Dr. Thurrott is a Canadian, her home being in Newcastle Bridge, Queen's County, New Brunswick. She is a graduate of Dalhousie University. Dr. Thurrott was for six years in the ''Ackerman Hoyt Memorial Hospital,'' Jhansi, under the Women's Union Missionary Society of America, and has been in close touch with our work and workers, especially with Miss Simpson who was loaned by our W.M.S. to that hospital for a period of time. Dr. Thurrott knows the enormous area served by this fifty bed hospital and the need of the people in the villages around Jhansi, and feels that a great deal of work can be done by visiting the homes and teaching the people about Christ and the simple laws of health. Her Board released her with great reluctance and only because she was convinced that her life would count for more in the village work than in an institution. Let us add to our prayer list the name of this devoted medical missionary.

ANOTHER link with the historic past was severed on June 7th, when Mrs. G. Hunter Robinson slipped quietly away, deeply loved by a large family circle. Mrs. Robinson held many offices in the former W.F.M.S. and was one of the pioneer leaders. In 1888, she was appointed Recording Secretary, and along with this duty edited the ''Letter Leaflet'' from 1889-1898, the name being changed during that period to the ''Foreign Missionary Tidings''. Mrs. Robinson worked actively for the amalgamation of the Home and Foreign Societies and on its consummation in 1914, was elected one of the Vice-Presidents. Mrs. Robinson possessed a great gift of humor, a great gift of affection, she was a deep student of the Bible, a woman of prayer and, in her official capacity, showed wise, clear judgment even in the most difficult questions. Although not affiliated with our W.M.S. in late years, Mrs. Robinson ever retained her interest in the Society she had done so much to build and strengthen.

A NEW congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada was organized in Birtle, Man., on June 9th. At the organization meeting which was held in the Indian Residential School, the resident missionary, Rev. H. T. White, presented a list of 52 *applicants for Church membership,* of which number 28 were senior pupils of our Indian Residential School, 18 of whom were admitted on profession of faith. The earnest and faithful work of Principal and Mrs. Currie and their staff is bearing precious fruit. As these students go forth to their various Reserves shall we not all pray that they may be worthy examples and brave witnesses of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

MISS PHYLLIS ARGALL has successfully passed her examinations for the Master of Arts degree in Toronto University, and sailed from Vancouver, on June 18th, by the *Empress of Asia,* for her home in Kobe, Japan. Miss Argall will assume her duties as teacher in the Girls' School, Tamsui, Formosa, in August.

The Council Executive will resume its regular weekly meetings on Tuesday, September 13th at 10 o'clock in Knox College Board Room.

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# The Founding of the North Formosa Mission

Mr. G. W. Mackay

IN 1871 the Presbyterian Church in Canada sent forth her first two missionaries, one to the Continent of Asia, and one to Fort Garry in Manitoba.

George Leslie Mackay, the first foreign missionary, left Canada in the fall of 1871, and on March 9th, 1872, he, after travelling through Japan and China, arrived at Tamsui, Formosa, where he laid the foundation of the North Formosa Mission. The other, Dr. George Bryce, first Home Missionary, was sent by our Church to labor in the vast territory of the Canadian Northwest.

Formosa was then under the Chinese rule and, as most of the Chinese officials were staunch Confucianists at that time, they, together with their allies, the Buddhists, began to oppose the pioneer missionary with great vigor. The early Christians were persecuted and churches were often torn down.

G. L. Mackay saw that the Confucianists were in power. It was they who formed the backbone of heathen opposition. So he began to study Chinese classics and Confucianism with great zeal. He gathered around himself a small group of scholars—men who had become Christians—and they made a very careful study of both Buddhism and Confucianism. They met many able Confucian scholars in public debates, but the missionary and his little band of Christians were more than able to hold their own. On all occasions they came out victorious in these public debates. So that it was not long before he and his converts were held in respect. And when one of the most brilliant Confucian scholars became a Christian, news spread throughout the land, that the Christians, too, had learned men in their ranks. In after years the Confucian scholar, Mr. Li Chong Siong, became one of the most valued teachers in our College.

A year after his arrival in Formosa, the pioneer missionary baptized five converts. After laboring for some seven years he built some twenty churches, and there was a Christian community of about seven hundred —all Chinese.

In 1882, the pioneer missionary began work among the Pi-po tribe who inhabit the eastern part of the Island. At first his entrance into this territory was strongly opposed by a chief by the name of A-tok. At that time he had a very sick daughter at home. Dr. Mackay cured her of her sickness, and so grateful was A-tok, that he changed his family name to Mackay. He became an earnest Christian and his daughter became the first worker under the Canadian W.M.S. in Formosa.

In a few years some 2,000 Pi-po people became Christians and more than 20 churches were built in their midst.

The year 1882 saw the building of Oxford College, a theological college for the training of Chinese and Pi-po workers.

In 1883 the Tamsui Girls' School was built and pupils admitted.

At present there are two mission centres in North Formosa. Tamsui, the centre of educational work, and Taihoku, the centre of our medical work. The former is a seaport and the latter is the capital of the Island, which has a population of some 230,000. In Tamsui there are four institutions, the Theological College, the Women's Bible School, the Tamsui Girls' High School, and the Tamsui Middle School. The Girls' High School has some 90 pupils in residence and the Tamsui Middle School has a student body of about 260 boys. The staff consists of twelve teachers, four Japanese and eight Chinese teachers. All of them received their education in the best universities of Japan. Thus far about 35 per cent. of the graduates of the Middle School are in Christian service.

The Mackay Memorial Hospital, in Taihoku, has 81 beds and a staff of about 40. This hospital is a great evangelistic agency. No patients ever leave it without hearing a Christian message and, as a result, many have become Christians.

Evangelistic work is carried on in cities, towns and villages. There are some 60 Formosan evangelists engaged in this work.

Christianity is making great headway in Formosa. Its name is respected and its influence is felt everywhere. A very large percentage of the educated men in Formosa to-day are Christians. But the number of Christians is still few when compared with the population of the Island, for Formosa to-day has a population of 4,600,000—200,000 Japanese, 150,000 native hill tribes, and over 4,000,000 Chinese.

# The Diamond Jubilee of Our Formosa Mission

Mrs. W. G. Brown

After a sea voyage of fourteen days we reached Yokohama on Saturday morning at 7 a.m. We had scarcely docked when we were met by the Rev. L. L. Young, of Kobe, who superintends our work among the Koreans in Japan. By travelling to Kobe by train, we would arrive there Saturday evening, so decided to do so. As we stepped off the boat we first saw Japan with its crowds and crowds of people, heard the clatter of the getta (wooden shoes) on the pavement, saw the women, and many men dressed in kimonas, the mothers carrying the babies on their backs, saw rickshaws, busses, autos, street cars, oxen and bicycles innumerable carrying anything from a sewing machine to quarter of a ton of coal on them. We had our first ride in a rickshaw here. After spending a few hours sight-seeing we took train for Kobe where we arrived at Mr. and Mrs. Young's home and were given a very hearty welcome.

### Easter Sunday in Kobe, Japan

Easter Sunday in Japan proved to be a beautiful sunshiny day. The "four girls" as we call them, Miss J. McLean, Miss Ethel McDonald, Miss Gladys Murphy and Miss Nellie Anderson, live next door. It was a delight to meet them all and to see the enthusiasm they have for their work. We attended three services, two Korean and one in the Foreign church. Mr. Brown preached at all three. As we sat in the beautiful Foreign church, and saw the front banked with Easter lilies and plum blossoms, heard the fine organ, and splendid choir and sang the beautiful Easter hymns, we felt as though we might be back in Canada. The Korean services were our first among native Eastern people and it was a wonderful sight to see these people engaged in Christian worship. We removed our shoes at the door and sat on the floor, the women on one side and the men on the other. Fortunately, they gave the Moderator a chair, as he would not have been very successful in attempting the floor with his lame knees. Rev. L. L. Young was the interpreter.

The Korean people in Kobe gave us a very unique welcome on Tuesday evening when they had a devotional service, speeches, special music and refreshments. They were so very appreciative of the kindness of the Mother Church in Canada sending us out to see them. The boat did not leave for Formosa until Thursday morning so we had a few days for rest and sight-seeing. The Korean group in Osaka were having special services which Mr. Brown attended one evening. The four days' sail to Formosa, up the inland sea, was beautiful, with bright sunshine and a smooth sea.

### Beautiful Formosa

Sunday noon we arrived at Kelung and recognized familiar faces at the wharf awaiting our arrival. In Japan we had cold March weather, but here was summer heat. We were taken to Tamsui, and to the beautiful compound which Dr. George Leslie Mackay obtained so many years ago. We had always been told that Formosa was beautiful but one has to see it to realize its beauty. It is beyond description. One felt so pleased that the missionaries had such wonderful surroundings. The committee in charge of our programme arranged that we have an equal amount of time in Tamsui and Taihoku and that we should dine in every home in both compounds. The British Consul and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Graves, whose residence is next the compound, asked to be included in this plan and invited some of the missionaries with us for lunch. This was a delightful way of meeting and getting acquainted with the missionaries and we did enjoy it. While in Tamsui we were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Mackay and greatly enjoyed their hospitality.

### The Jubilee Services

The Jubilee services were Wednesday and Thursday the 6th and 7th of April. Everyone was busy making preparations to accommodate the delegates. Sleeping quarters had to be arranged for in dormitories and temporary kitchens put up to do the cooking. Twenty cooks were hired with one man in charge. It was no small undertaking to give meals to twelve hundred people and it was done with great efficiency. Each congregation sent in a donation towards supplying the food. I will not go into details of the services as they will be described elsewhere except to say that we shall never forget the privilege we have had of taking part in such a celebration. To see hundreds of people representing fully organized congregations and mission fields taking part in the services in the most wonderful manner, singing "with the spirit and with the understanding also" carried us back in imagination sixty years to the day when Dr. George Leslie Mackay landed in Formosa. On the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee his son, George Mackay, acted as official interpreter.

The Moderator, the Rev. W. G. and Mrs. Brown. Taken beside the newly unveiled memorial stone, Tamsui

### The Formosa W.M.S.

One very interesting service in connection with the Jubilee was the meeting held by the women of the Formosa W.M.S. to welcome the representative of the W.M.S. in Canada. In a very unique way, in speech and in a hymn specially composed for the occasion, they acknowledged the kindness of the Mother Church in sending out a representative to the Jubilee. A fuller description will be given elsewhere of this meeting, of the unveiling of the Memorial stone for the founder of the Mission, of the attendance of the representatives of the Japanese Government in Formosa, and of the presentation made to the Moderator by the Formosa Church.

### Savage Tribes Visited, a Trip to the East Coast, etc.

A trip to the east coast of the island was the next plan made for us and proved to be a most enjoyable one. Mr. George Mackay, as interpreter, Rev. D. Wilkie, and Miss Adams were with us. We travelled by train for about five hours, then some seventy miles by car. This road winds around the side of the mountains and is cut out of the rock. It is so narrow that cars are only allowed to pass in certain places. The cliffs overhang the sea and in some places we looked straight down thirteen hundred feet. The mountains all around were beautiful in the most wonderful vegetation, the tree-ferns being especially fine. The scenery on that drive was the most thrilling we saw on our trip.

Miss Senior and Miss Chisholm with mother belonging to Ami tribe and her baby, at Mackay Memorial Hospital, Taihoku

We visited and had services in four churches. One of these churches was carried on by a Bible woman, Chiwan, who is a member of a savage tribe, and who has done a great work among her own people. We stayed at night at little Japanese inns, ate our meals sitting on cushions on the floor, slept on Japanese beds on the floor with large mosquito-netting tents over us. We were guests at several Chinese feasts on this trip, most of them fifteen course meals. We feel we are quite proficient in the use of chop sticks now.

There are five savage tribes in North Formosa and we saw the members of four of these tribes in their native villages. Our mission schools in Tamsui are teaching some of the members of these tribes, some of whom have become Christian, and it is hoped they will all be before they finish school when they go back to evangelize their own people.

The reception given us in Formosa by the Japanese Government was most cordial. On this trip to the east coast they sent an official thirty-seven miles to meet us and give us an official welcome. We were their guests on two occasions while in Formosa. Upon our return to Taihoku we were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Stevens and Bobby, who were most hospitable.

During the week we visited the Mackay Memorial Hospital, the leper clinic and spent a pleasant day with Dr. Gushue-Taylor, Miss Chisholm and Dr. Stevens, visiting the site of the new leprosy colony also the Government leprosy hospital. These poor unfortunates are most grateful for the relief and comfort given to them by those doing this work.

On Sunday and on week nights we had meetings with the different congregations in Taihoku, Kelung, Sintian and Tamsui. These meetings were largely attended and great interest was shown. In every case they expressed their gratitude to the Mother Church in Canada for sending out a representative to them for their Jubilee services. A notable thing was that in every church we were in there was an efficient organist and the people did enjoy taking part in the singing. The last Sunday afternoon in Taihoku a service was held for the foreigner in the hospital chapel. Mr. Brown preached, and baptized the Wilkie and the Stevens babies. The organ's unusual noises at this service grated on the ears of an old-time tea merchant, Mr. Hogg, from Edinburgh. The result was that during that week Mr. Hogg searched the city of Taihoku and bought the best organ he could find for the chapel. As it was holiday time we did not see the schools in session, but were very interested in being shown through the buildings, also to see where the Bible women are trained. One of the most inspiring services we took part in was the prayer-meeting with the theological students, at 5 p.m., conducted by Rev. J. Dickson, who is at present in charge of this work. It was wonderful to see and hear this large class of young men, with one of their number at the organ, singing the Psalms and hymns so well.

Our closing service was in Tamsui church Sunday evening, with the students from the different schools attending service. This church is not large enough to accommodate the congregation. A new church is a necessity and they are looking forward to being in their new Memorial Church very soon. One cannot speak too highly of the kindness received from everyone, both from the native church and the missionaries. It has been a great privilege we have had of seeing the Presbyterian Church in Formosa.

### The Moderator in Manchuria

We left Tuesday the 19th for Shimonoseki where we were met by Rev. L. L. Young. We took a boat for Fusan and on up through Korea by train, reaching Szepingkai, in Manchuria, on Saturday evening, where we were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Goforth, our distinguished veterans of the Cross of Christ in China. It was an unexpected pleasure to meet with the missionaries and to worship with the Christians in Manchuria. We had a combined meeting of the two congregations in Szepingkai in the morning (Sunday), and it was marvelous to see the results of the Gospel after such a few years' labor. The service was conducted by the native preachers, Mr. Brown preaching and Dr. Goforth interpreting. Monday morning there was a service of welcome for us at 10.30 o'clock, conducted in such a capable way. Two hymns were composed specially for our welcome. They all seemed so grateful to have a visitor from the Mother Church in Canada. It was a delight to meet our missionaries here,—Miss Luella Crockett, the Koffends, the Goforths and Mr. Paul Goforth. We were entertained in all homes. We felt very much at home in Manchuria with the bald prairie and the dust.

The Moderator, the Rev. W. G. Brown and Mrs. Brown in Taonan, Manchuria. Group also includes Rev. L. L. Young, Mrs. Reoch, Rev. and Mrs. W. G. Davis. Russian carriages in background

### On to Taonan

Monday night we left for Taonan by sleeper, with a Japanese guard of soldiers, fully armed, on board, and at every station soldiers were on guard. This country is infested with bandits and the villages are frequently attacked by bands of a thousand. We were told that foreigners were a special prize for them. Taonan is a mud city with a mud wall around it, situated on a flat prairie. We were met by Mr. and Mrs. Reoch and Mr. and Mrs. Davis, the full staff in this city of 180,000 and surrounding districts. We drove in funny Russian Droskys, drawn by little ponies, the three miles from the station to the city. I will not try to describe the roads except to say that Mr. Reoch was on the right side of our carriage, or we would have been in great danger of tipping several times. Dr. Goforth and Mr. Young were with us. We arrived at 8 a.m., had breakfast at the Reoch's, and before 9 o'clock the people were gathering in the church, which is a part of the compound, for service at 10.30 o'clock. A week day! When we entered the church about two hundred and fifty Christians stood up to welcome us. Remember this field was only opened since 1926. The service was conducted entirely by native preachers, several taking part in the reading and prayer. Dr. Goforth interpreted for Mr. Brown who preached. In both Szepingkai and Taonan we were presented with large Chinese banners bearing a welcome to the Moderator, and with a beautiful Bible in Chinese from the church in Taonan. One of the interesting things to us was to see the crowd around the doors and looking in the windows at all these services. This was also true in parts of Formosa.

In the afternoon we drove around the city and visited the two new places recently opened for preaching. The service goes on all day, the pastors and missionaries taking turns preaching. These rooms were well filled with people dropping in for a while and listening to the Gospel. Dr. Goforth preached while we visited in one and Mr. Reoch in the other. As foreigners are quite a rare sight in Taonan the rooms were soon filled. We were pleased to hear them being taught to sing the old hymns.

One of the impressions one receives in the East is the immensity of the task that is ours. Such crowds and crowds of people everywhere in Japan and Formosa and in Manchuria, who have not yet been reached. It is almost overwhelming to one seeing it for the first time. But then we look at the wonderful results accomplished by so few with the help of the Spirit of God in such a short time and we feel encouraged.

We had lunch at the Reoch's and dinner at the Davis's. As no one is supposed to be out after sundown, on account of the bandits, we went back to the Reoch's in carriages about 8 o'clock, that being quite a late hour there. All shops are closed and darkened at dusk and few people are about the streets. We left at 7 a.m. the next morning. On the way to the station about eight hundred Chinese cavalry passed us, evidently out after bandits. Although our missionaries in Taonan live in houses made of mud, Mrs. Reoch and Mrs. Davis have transformed them into cosy Canadian homes. How the church at home must stand behind these pioneer missionaries on these frontier fields! Upon our return to Szepingkai we were the guests of Miss Luella Crockett.

We left Friday and Mr. Koffend accompanied us as far as Mukden where we visited the Mission of the Irish and Scotch churches. We had dinner at the Yamato Hotel where the commission of the League of Nations was meeting at that time. There were soldiers stationed all along the streets and there was an air of tense excitement in the city regarding the whole Manchurian situation.

### Deputation Sees Work of American Presbyterian Churches in Korea

The next evening we arrived at Pyengyang in Korea, where we were met by Rev. C. A. Clark, D.D., at whose home we were guests. This is one of the main centres of the great Korean revival. The American Presbyterian Churches have done a magnificent work in Korea. Sunday morning Dr. Clark drove us around to visit eight out of the seventeen churches in the city while in session for Sabbath School. The Mother Church of all these is the centre of a marvelous church life. Their Sunday School numbers 25,000 and they come in relays from 9 a.m. until 12 a.m. I shall never forget the sight of eight hundred women sitting on the floor in Sunday School studying the Bible. We attended the church service at 2.30, when there was an attendance of 1,500, men on the one side and the women on the other. We left at midnight for Seoul, another beautiful city in Korea. Here we were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Bonwick where we spent two very pleasant days. There is a wonderful mission work being done here too. We went through the Severance Hospital and the new building of the Christian Literature Society, of which Mr. Bonwick is the chief Secretary. One realizes the importance of keeping in touch with the Koreans in Korea when we remember that there are four hundred thousand Koreans living in Japan who are our special mission field.

### Final Visits Were to Korean Missions in Japan

While in Kobe a few days before sailing we visited the Korean missions in Kyoto and Nygoya and met some of the workers in Yokohama and Tokio. In Nygoya we were the guests of Miss E. McDonald and Miss N. Anderson, who have recently gone there to take charge of the mission. As they were only there a week, the Korean church gave us all a welcome meeting together. It did one good to see how much these people appreciate the missionaries sent out to them by the church at home and the story they bring them of the Love of Christ.

# The Moderator, the Rev. W. G. Brown and Mrs. Brown Visit Formosa

Mrs. Graham, Taihoku

FOR weeks our interest had been centered on the arrival of the Rev. W. G. and Mrs. Brown. We heard so much of ''Brown of Red Deer'', that Dr. Graham and I wondered if he could possibly live up to his reputation. But we decided before he left that he had more than lived up to it, that he had in fact added greatly to that reputation. We would like to express our thanks to the friends who made it possible for Mr. and Mrs. Brown to visit us here in Formosa.

At a meeting held to decide Mr. Brown's itinerary while on our compound, we served due notice that we hoped to attend Thursday's sessions at Tamsui. Wednesday was the official opening day, with all the Japanese officials and dignitaries in attendance, but we do not like to leave the hospital without a foreign doctor in attendance, so, very early Thursday morning we arose and in the midst of the pouring rain we went to the station. Here we were joined by seven or eight of our Formosan nurses and one or two of the male staff, all very happy at the treat in store, and like a bunch of children let out of school for a holiday. When we reached Tamsui and attempted to climb the hill in the rain it added still more to the merriment but we finally reached the top without any undue mishaps. We received a very cordial welcome at the Mackays and with Mrs. Brown proceeded to the Boys' School gymnasium where the meetings were being held.

**Standing—A group of Ami people in costume. Seated—A Pe-po-hoan, Rev. J. Dickson, Pastor Tân Bok'su (Moderator of Presbytery), Rev. W. G. Brown, Mr. G. W. Mackay, an Ami student**

Can you picture that huge room, filled to the doors with people, the school students sitting on mats at the front, all rising and standing at attention as the Moderator in his robes, accompanied by Mr. Mackay and the Moderator of the Formosa Church, Tân Bok-su, proceeded up the middle aisle to their places on the platform. Then imagine the volume of sound as they sang some of our old familiar hymns, translated into Formosan, and picture the contrast between conditions now and those of sixty years ago. These 1,200 people present had come as representatives from every little nook and corner of North Formosa, from mountain, plain and valley.

Mr. Brown gave us a stirring address on Presbyterianism, after which the Formosa Church presented him with a silver map of Formosa.

Another unique feature of this morning's session was a native dance given by members of the Ami tribe (savages) now studying at our schools in Taihoku.

Then came the Chinese feast of some sixteen courses, at which Mr. and Mrs. Brown handled their chopsticks most adroitly and dexterously.

The afternoon session was divided into two parts, one for the men, and the other, under the direction of the Formosa W.M.S., for the women. I attended the latter. This meeting was held in the Girls' School gymnasium, and the building was filled with women and children. Mrs. Koa and Mrs. Tan, Dr. Mackay's two daughters, presided very ably and welcomed Mrs. Brown to this meeting of the Formosa W.M.S. Mrs. Brown aptly responded, expressing her great pleasure in having the privilege of bringing greetings from the Canadian W.M.S. Mrs. Brown was then presented with a jade ring, set in Formosan gold, and a string of coral, both most suitable gifts being products of the Island itself. Again, at this meeting, I was impressed by the number of people who had come from little out of the way places, in the pouring rain, to be present at this anniversary in memory of their beloved Dr. Mackay.

Presentation being made to Mrs. W. G. Brown by Mrs. Koa. Mrs. Tân, President, by the table

## *Address of Welcome to Mrs. Brown by Formosa W.M.S.*

IT is indeed a privilege and a pleasure, to extend to you a welcome, on behalf of the Christian women of North Formosa. We welcome you, first of all as a representative of the W.M.S. sent by the Mother Society, to rejoice with us in our Diamond Jubilee. We welcome you also, as the wife of the Moderator of the Home Church. But we welcome you, in a very special way for your own sake, as the granddaughter of Rev. Donald Mackenzie, whose name we have always held in honor.

It seems to us very fitting that he, who was the Minister of the first Missionary, to bring the Gospel to Formosa, should be represented, by his granddaughter, on this happy occasion.

On behalf of the W.M.S. of North Formosa, it gives me much pleasure to present you with these little tokens of our respect and affection.

## Greetings to the Formosa W. M. S. from the Home Society

"IN this Diamond Jubilee year of the North Formosa Mission, we, the Women's Missionary Society, Western Division, of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, put on record our thankfulness to Almighty God for the way in which our Church and its sister Church in Formosa have been led these sixty years.

"We recall that sixty years ago, in March, 1872, Rev. George Leslie Mackay landed in Formosa, the first foreign missionary from the Western Division of our Church. Alone, but with characteristic energy he began the study of the language and was soon preaching the gospel and winning converts. To him also the Mission is indebted for the beginning of medical and educational work. Thus, all those years ago did he show himself to be a modern missionary.

"To-day we humbly acknowledge that from these small beginnings there is now a Christian community of 9,000 people, subscribing $12,000.00 in 1931 for Church ordinances, with 73 preaching stations, 65 Formosan ministers and evangelists, a special worker, Mrs. Bella Koa, who is a daughter of the founder, 9 native Bible women, a staff of 7 foreign missionaries with their wives, and 8 foreign women missionaries and one more under appointment.

''From these small beginnings also there are now in Formosa, the following buildings belonging to the Mission. In Tamsui there are the Oxford Theological College, the Boys' Middle School, the Girls' High School, the Women's School, four houses for foreign missionaries and houses for the Formosan teachers. In Taihoku there are the Mackay Memorial Hospital, with its attached Leprosy Clinic, and Nurses' Home, housing 23 Formosan nurses, four houses for foreign missionaries and one kindergarten building. Six other kindergartens are conducted in churches belonging to the Mission. Also, though not directly under our Presbyterian Mission, the Women's Missionary Society through their gift of $5,000.00, have a share in the Happy Mount Leprosy Colony, which has been recently established. We also gratefully record the fact that there is a Women's Missionary Society of Formosan women officered by themselves, who support five of the Mission's Bible women, working in the country and the hospital, and attached to the kindergartens.

''In common with the whole Church we rejoice in the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee and in the presence in Formosa of the Moderator of the General Assembly, the Very Reverend W. G. Brown, and his wife. We rejoice also that this celebration is to take tangible form in the building of a Church in Tamsui, in memory of the founder, and on the site first selected by him, and that in this we shall have a share through the gift of $500.00.

''We would, on this occasion, also pay tribute to all those men and women who during these sixty years have had a share in the upbuilding of Christ's Kingdom in North Formosa, and pledge ourselves anew to stand behind those who will carry on the work so nobly begun.''

''Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.''

''O Lord, in Thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.''

Tamsui Mission Band of over sixty members; back row—Middle School boys, girls, Miss Taylor and Mrs. Mackay. These children have learned the whole gospel of Mark, each one his or her portion.

## PROGRAMME OF THE WELCOME MEETING OF THE FORMOSA W.M.S. FOR MRS. W. G. BROWN

**Thursday Afternoon, April 7th, in the Gymnasium of the Girls' School**

*Opening of the Meeting.*—The President, Mrs. Mary Mackay Tan.
*Piano Solo.*—Miss Isabel Taylor.
*Opening Words.*—Mrs. Tan.
*Hymn.*—No. 11.
*Scripture Reading.*—Miss Burdick.
*Prayer.*—Miss Douglas.
*Solo.*—Mrs. Douglas Wilkie.
*Recitation of the 23rd Psalm.*—The Children of the Ami people.
*Greeting.*—Mrs. Chiong.
*Presentation.*, by Mrs. Koa.
*Address.*—Mrs. W. G. Brown, interpreted by Mrs. Koa.
*Song of Welcome to Mrs. Brown.—Composed for the occasion by Mr.* Tan Kheng-ku.
*Introduction of the delegates,* according to Auxiliary represented, by Mrs. Iap.
*Song.*—The Girls' School Girls.
*Psalm 136,* recited by the Tamsui Mission Band.
*Closing Words.*—Mrs. Tan.
*Prayer.*—Miss Go, teacher in the Girls' School.

# A Letter of Thanks from the Formosa W.M.S.

*Tamsui, Formosa, May 2, 1932*

The President, Officers and Members of the
Women's Missionary Society of the
Presbyterian Church in Canada.

*Dear Friends,—*

ALTHOUGH we are separated from you all by great distances, yet, through the love of Christ we are brought close together. We are indeed friends in Christ.

It is now just ten years since our Formosan Women's Missionary Society was formed, and through the grace of God and His guidance, and the earnest prayers of you in Canada in our behalf, our Society has made progress from year to year. Yet we are just like a child ten years old. We are your young daughter and we look upon you as our mother. And our hope is that we may grow in strength from day to day.

This year is the Sixtieth Anniversary of the founding of this Mission, and when we think of what God has wrought during these past sixty years, our hearts are filled with gratitude for what He has done. Sixty years ago, unbroken darkness reigned in this land, and people lived in sin. But God is merciful, and He opened the way. He touched the hearts of the people in lands across the sea, and the Presbyterian Church in Canada responded and sent forth her faithful missionary, Dr. George Leslie Mackay, to our own Formosa to proclaim the tidings of salvation. He came to our midst, and bravely faced all obstacles, all kinds of hardships and persecutions. Words would fail to tell what he went through. He set an example which will always be an inspiration.

This year we are celebrating the 60th Anniversary of his landing on these shores, and we are reaping to-day the fruits of his labors.

On April 6th and 7th, Christians numbering over a thousand from all parts of our field came to Tamsui to join with one another in the joy of the Jubilee celebrations. And in the midst of our joys, the greatest joy of all was to welcome to our midst Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Brown, the Moderator and his wife. We feel that we have been greatly honored by their coming. Their addresses were of great value to us. Through them we were glad to learn of the strength and growth of our Mother Church in Canada. All who were present, and there were both men and women, old and young, students and little children, rejoiced to hear the Moderator speak. We received great uplift and help from all his addresses.

We are most grateful also to the Women's Missionary Society for sending to us your representative, Mrs. W. G. Brown, who brought to us the greetings of your Society. Her presence, and her message to us, we shall always remember.

In gratitude to your Society for sending her to us, the W.M.S. of North Formosa held a Welcome Meeting for Mrs. Brown, on April 7th at 2.30 p.m.

The hearts of those who were present that afternoon were burning like fire with joy at having her with us, and the realization of the real bond which binds the W.M.S. of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, to her ten-year old daughter. Fully five hundred delegates were present that afternoon.

In gratitude to you all for sending her to Formosa, to our Diamond Jubilee, we extend to you all our heartfelt thanks.

We enclose, in this letter, a programme of the Welcome Meeting for Mrs. Brown, and assure you that she found a place in our hearts.

On behalf of the North Formosa Women's Missionary Society,

*Secretary Tân Chug Chin-tsu.*

## THE BY-PRODUCT

One day the iron pierced my very soul,
Then flashing forth, transformed, in deeds of steel,
Left in its place, ready to pay full toll
Of sympathy, a heart made quick to feel.

—*Eloise Jansen.*

# The Ami People

MRS. JAMES DICKSON

ONE of the most encouraging aspects of the Sixtieth Anniversary of the founding of the North Formosa Mission or of the Diamond Jubilee as it is more popularly called was the prospect of new work opening up. It would seem as if it was God's special gift to the Christian people here, His own particular blessing, in the form of new fields to conquer in His name, and the opportunity to carry ''good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people'' to those who have as yet not heard of the Saviour of mankind.

The readiness and uniqueness of the response of the Ami people to the Gospel is demonstrated by the fact that they have voluntarily come from their homes on the far eastern side of the Island to our schools, asking only the opportunity to study and learn more about Christ. There are now eight men from the Ami tribe and one man from the Tyall tribe in our Theological College taking a special course, five Ami women and one Tyall woman in the Women's Bible School, and about ten children who are studying in the public school and in a special kindergarten prepared for them. These people contributed an interesting feature to the programme of the Sixtieth Anniversary in the form of their own native folk dances and songs.

Group of Ami women who are attending the Women's School, Tamsui

The Ami tribe in Formosa numbers about fifty thousand people. We are hoping and praying that these who have come to our schools will in time return to their own people to be ''messengers of the Light.'' At present they are being supported almost entirely apart from the budget by private contributions from missionaries on the field who are interested in this work, and from friends at home.

Savages in Taiwan

*And Jesus said, "One thing thou lackest: go, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow Me."*

# *Bring Us the Light*

I hear a clear voice calling, calling,
Calling out of the night,
O, you who live in the Light of Life,
Bring us the Light!

We are bound in the chains of darkness,
Our eyes received no sight,
O, you who have never been bound or blind,
Bring us the Light!

We live amid turmoil and horror,
Where might is the only right,
O, you to whom life is liberty,
Bring us the Light!

You cannot—you shall not forget us,
Out here in the darkest night,
We are drowning men, we are dying men,
Bring, O, bring us the Light!

—John Oxenham.

# Story of a Formosa Nurse Graduate

MISS ANNE SENIOR

A NURSE who graduated last November has a life history that may be of interest to you.

As a baby she was given out to a man and wife who had no children and they loved her as they would have loved one of their own. When she was seven years old her foster father died leaving them destitute. The foster mother found it hard to provide food and clothing for herself and Po (which is the nurse's name), so she gave the child to rich relatives who lived nearby to work for her food and clothing. The two girls in this family treated her very cruelly, not a day passed that she was not badly beaten. At times for two or three days she would not taste food, often because she was so tired and sore from the beatings she had received. This went on for three years, during which time her foster mother never came to see her. One evening after a day of hard work and cruel beatings she ran off to her foster mother and poured out her tale of woe to her. On hearing this the mother was very angry with her relatives as she had expected better things from them. She would not let Po go back but gave her to a Christian family some 20 miles distant where she stayed eleven years. In this family she was treated like one of their own. Besides receiving food and clothing she was given Yen 1 per month (50 cents) which money she sent to her foster mother. After she had been here for seven years, one day while emptying a large bowl she fell, breaking the bowl and cutting her hand badly. This prevented her working for several weeks, during which time, in order to keep her occupied and happy, one of the members of the family told her about the gospel and taught her to read.

Although she had been long in the family, there had been no special effort made to teach her of Christianity. True, she had been allowed to go to church, but she seldom heard much of the sermon as one of her duties was to care for the children in the family and if one of them cried in Church, which it most likely did, she had to take him out so as not to disturb the services.

After her hand was better and she could work again, her studies were laid aside, but, as she was anxious to learn, she studied by herself at night, after the children were in bed. Her books were discarded papers, among them the Christian Church paper. As she read this paper her mind was filled with thoughts of Jesus' love and she longed to learn more about the gospel and to be able to help her fellow countrymen. The preacher also became interested in her and tried to encourage her to go to the Women's School in Tamsui, but she said that she had no money, the little she received from the people she worked for she sent to her foster mother.

So the preacher told her to pray that a way might be provided and he would also remember her in prayer.

It was not until three years later, during which time she continued praying for God to open up a way, that she told the family about her wishes. On hearing of them they were very happy and provided her with clothing and money. During the summer holidays she came to the hospital to assist while some of the nurses were having their vacations.

While in school, in order to earn money with which to help her foster mother, she gladly scrubbed floors. On graduating from the school she came to the Mackay Memorial Hospital, Taihoku, and began her training, much against the wishes of her foster mother, for nursing is a profession that is looked down on by the non-Christians.

During her training she paid back all the money borrowed, despite the fact that her foster mother demanded most of her earnings. The Yen 100. that is given to nurses on graduation, she also gave to the family that had made it possible for her to go to school.

Since her graduation she has been employed as a graduate on the staff of the Hospital. She has a fine Christian character and is much loved by the patients. She is a member of the Christian Church and teaches in the Soren Sunday School, Taihoku.

# Aboriginal Formosan Children

MISS ADA E. ADAMS

KINDERGARTEN work in North Formosa is progressing. Nearly all the kindergartens are full to overflowing, and several places would like to open kindergartens in the near future.

The smallest kindergarten is unique in that it is the only one we have for the aboriginal children in our field. At the beginning of this year, several families from the Ami tribe on the east coast came over to study in Tamsui. While the men were taking special work in the Theological College and the women had work planned for them in the Women's School, the youngest children were somewhat of a problem for they were most disturbing to the neighbors. This meant that one or more of the mothers would have to stay with them, thus losing the opportunities of attending classes. We have looked forward for years to beginning work among these people, and since the most feasible way of doing it seems to be teaching the people who will go back to their own tribe as workers, we do not wish them to miss their opportunities. Therefore, the kindergarten was started. One of the girls who took the work in the kindergarten training class last year is the teacher. There are five children, but, as they spoke no Formosan and very little Japanese, the first few weeks were quite difficult. Since then they have improved greatly. At the time the Formosa Women's Missionary Society had their Welcome Meeting for Mrs. Brown these five little children with their older brothers and sisters recited the 23rd Psalm in Formosan.

For a number of years as I have walked back and forth to the kindergarten I have had a great desire to bath all the kiddies that I see along the way. I am sure that it would be a boon to some of the children to have a place to go where they could get some cool, clean water. The houses in the Chinese district are built in long rows with only a brick wall separating the room of one house from the rooms of another. There is no grass to be seen; only dust and dirt. And what is more, many of the houses have mud floors. Imagine what it is like when the homes are crowded with people of all ages. Then it is so hot and damp that every one literally drips perspiration. It is no wonder that many of the children are covered with dirt and skin eruptions.

Not long ago a teacher came to tell me that there was a child in a kindergarten whose head, arms and legs were covered with sores and that none of the other children would have anything to do with him. She came for advice. The next morning when I went over I certainly had no difficulty in picking him out. Never have we had a child like him in the kindergarten, although there are many worse ones to be seen on the street. It looked as though it were due to lack of care and cleanliness and that a bath would be the first step towards a cure. This was suggested but both the teacher and An-so, a pensioned Bible woman, said that the parents were far too busy to take any care of the children and never would have time to give one a bath. However, since the child so obviously needed it I said that I would give him one. The reaction of the teacher was most interesting for she looked almost shocked and said, ''Do you really mean that you would give him a bath?'' An-so's reply to that was, ''Any Christian would''. When the teacher realized that I really meant it she said, ''There is another little boy here that I would like you to look at for I think he also needs a bath.'' Instructions were left that any who wished or needed a bath were to bring clean clothes the following morning. The next problem was to find a place to bath them, as the kindergartens are not supplied with such facilities. My colleagues, however, came to my aid and suggested that the hospital would be a good place, and one even donated a cake of soap! Next day, when I arrived at the kindergarten there was already a little group of grandmothers, mothers, and children waiting and the topic of conversation was ''Baths''. The most important questions asked were ''Where are you going to bath the children?'' and ''How much will it cost?'' The two little boys were there with their clean clothes tied up in clean handkerchiefs and one little boy had brought his younger brother!

# Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony of the Happy Mount Leprosy Colony, Formosa

G. Gushue-Taylor, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S.

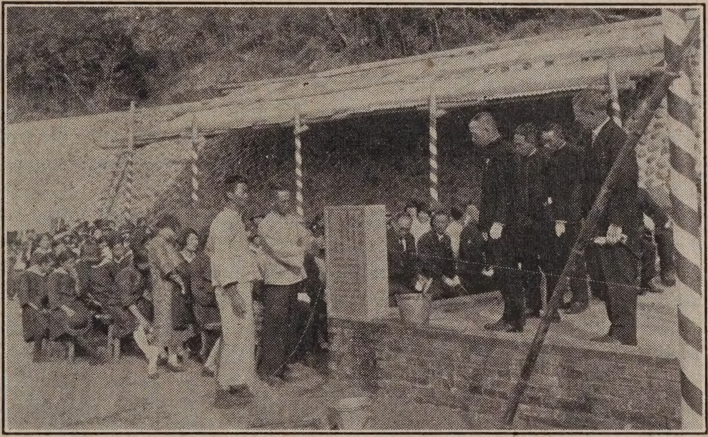
On November 2nd we received notice that the Government permit to build the colony had been granted; on the 12th, the document itself was delivered. On November 6th, the writer of this letter being the only person present besides the workmen gave himself the pleasure of turning the first spade of earth in digging the foundations of cottages I and II.

The foundation stone laying ceremony was held on January 19th. Owing to local political movements, His Excellency The Governor-General was unable to be present, and was represented by Mr. Inoue, Chief of Police of Formosa. The latter on behalf of His Excellency laid two foundation stones for the first two cottages, the first commemorating the gracious gift of Her Majesty The Dowager Empress, the second the subsidy of The Government-General. The stones bear inscriptions in Chinese character and English. The idea of such foundation stones is foreign in nature but commends itself to local opinion.

My colleague, Pastor Keh, has been indefatigable in work on the colony both before and in preparation for the stone laying, which signified the official starting of construction. Roads were levelled and repaired, a beautiful green arch beflagged for the occasion, and two pillars at the entrance with flags of Japan and Britain, improvised tables and benches for visitors, were all in readiness when the afternoon arrived. Missionaries and Chinese friends provided tea and refreshments, which were most acceptable.

The day was one of the most lovely of Formosa's beautiful winter days. The ceremony took place on the floor of the first cottage laid down in concrete on which were arranged chairs for some of our distinguished visitors, among whom were the Chief of Police of Formosa, the Chief of Police of Taihoku Province, the Chief of Sanitary Department of the Central Government and also of Provincial Government, the chief of Social Service Department, the chief of Tamsui District, the Director of the Government Medical College, the Director of the Government Leprosy Hospital, and many other Japanese officials; also the British Consul and Mrs. Ovens, and Mrs. Gushue-Taylor at the organ. The most senior and most junior of our Canadian Presbyterian missionaries Mr. G. W. Mackay and Miss Isabel Taylor were present, and most of the 'teen age missionaries were in the audience. Altogether there were some four or five hundred people among whom were large contingents from the various schools at Tamsui; the girls' school and theological college turning out I believe in complete force.

The programme included the Japanese National Anthem, reading of Scripture, hymns, speeches, prayers of dedication being offered by Mr. Hara, the Congregational minister, and Mr. Tiu, the Presbyterian minister at Taihoku. Mr. Ovens, the British Consul, made a very nice speech. In the remarks made by the writer, the following sentences were used as indicating our aims: ''It gives great pleasure to the Board of Managers of Happy Mount Leprosy Colony to have the honor of extending to you a very hearty welcome, on what I feel to be a memorable occasion in the history of social service in Formosa. You have been good enough to come to-day to witness the laying of the foundation stones of the first private leprosarium in this Island. Some of you have been so kind as to donate a considerable amount of money in aid of this charity. We are to-day open to public inspection and if need be of criticism. We trust that you will be assured in your own minds, that we are on the highway to achieve the objects at which the institution aims. We hope that you will be satisfied that you are partners in a worthy and well worth while work for the sake of stricken humanity. This work has its origin in the command of Jesus Christ to cleanse the lepers. We seek by this means to help rid Formosa of leprosy. . . . On behalf of the Board of Managers of this colony, I wish to express my deep sense of appreciation and thankfulness to all who have made this day's ceremony possible. . . and would ask



Happy Mount Leprosy Colony, Formosa. Foundation stone laid by Chief of Police acting for His Excellency, The Governor-General your continued sympathy and support, for the sake of those who cannot come out into the light of day and ask for themselves.'' The ceremony closed with the Benediction by Pastor Keh, after which the Visitors' Book was signed, photographs taken and refreshments served. The officials were conducted over the property and were very pleased at the beauty of the place and its suitability for the colony. At 5.30 p.m. the guests had departed, and ours was the last car to wend its way in the dark to Taihoku, tired but most thankful to the Giver of every good and perfect thing and perfect day.

# Summer Work for Winter Needs

Mrs. H. R. Horne

LETTERS have been coming all summer, since the Relief Rooms in Regina were closed, asking for clothing, and while we feel there would be undoubted inconvenience through our inability to supply it, there could not be the hardship. We could not expect a repetition of the food and second hand clothing such as came in last year *and the regular supply work of the W.M.S. must be guarded.*

For those who would like to make preparation for a possible relief call this coming winter, the following articles would be especially desirable in view of last year's experience: stockings; warm bloomers; underwear for children, both boys' and girls'; plain school dresses; mitts; mufflers; boots that are usable; warm quilts; boys' clothing—pants, sweaters; warm bootees; soap suitable for babies; thread; shoe laces.

### Hints

Warm bootees for babies can be made out of men's and women's felt hats, and moccasins for older children out of heavy cloth. Baby shirts can be made out of the tops of cashmere stockings. Patterns may be obtained on application to Mrs. Fletcher, 154 High Park Ave., Toronto.

This information is preparatory, as it is not possible to give definite instructions; these will appear later as the need is revealed.

# Books Old and New

By Lereine Ballantyne

CIRCULATING libraries have been in vogue in many small clubs of women, and have proven most interesting. Have you tried it in your Missionary group? One method used is as follows: Six, or any given number, of women buy a book each on some phase of our work, or on the people of any country in which we have a field. They circulate the books, passing them once a month, so that at the end of six months each woman has read six books, and her own comes back, which she purchased, to keep. Sometimes these books are then passed on to Home Helpers or deposited in the Missionary Library. Again, the member sometimes wishes to retain her own book, if she finds it of particular interest. This is just a suggestion which one member asked us to pass on, that others might enjoy the same method. We would be glad to furnish a list of suitable books to any group from which they could choose their books, which if purchased in a quantity would be considerably less in price.

Some good books for summer reading are:

THE RUGGED ROAD, by Margaret Sangster, containing three beautiful stories set around the days of Jesus in Nazareth.

PETER PLAYNE, by Edward Seaman, is a book everyone will want. It is by the author of ''Peter Bingo'' so universally loved. This is a full size volume, and sells for 60c.

A FELLOW NAPOLEON, by Arthur E. Southon, is a thrilling story of Africa. Plenty of adventure, and a missionary touch. Price per copy 75c.

DEEDS DONE FOR CHRIST, by Sir James Marchant, is one of the finest books written, giving a summary of most of the great missionaries and leaders. It is so good, we have reduced the price that it may be within reach of our people. It is now $1.25, but its value is far beyond that amount.

THE HAPPY ISLANDS, by Marlow Shaw, is just the right book for summer reading for the whole family, who would take a delightful canoe trip while rocking on the front verandah. Simple, very human stories of a lover of nature wandering through the islands of the Georgian Bay, price per copy, beautifully bound, $1.00.

ZERAH, by Montanye Perry, is unsurpassed for sheer beauty of writing in this modern day. It is the tale of old Bethlehem told in a sweetly different way, and interesting at any season. Price $1.00.

### Summer Poetry

''Out of Doors,'' or Nature songs by Annie Johnson Flint. ''Songs of Faith and Comfort,'' by the same author, each 40c. per copy.

The Wilhelmina Stitch Books in their wide range of titles, filled with homey little poems, per copy 35c.

''Unto the Hills,'' the new book of prayers, price per copy 35c.

### New Missionary Hymns to Vary the Fall Programmes

Take advantage of the quiet summer months to get some of the song books, and learn new solos or hymns, to vary the programmes next fall. The following titles are in stock: Missionary Hymnal, a good collection, per copy 25c. Missionary Songs, per copy 30c. Sunny Songs, Sacred Songs, etc., for Children, each 20c.

## Prayer

**"O GOD, who hast made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the whole earth and didst send Thy blessed Son to preach to them that are far off and to them that are nigh, grant that all men everywhere may seek after Thee and find Thee. Bring the nations into Thy fold, pour out Thy spirit upon all flesh, and hasten Thy Kingdom, through Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."**

. . . . . . . . . .

**Especially at this time would we remember Formosa, with its needs and opportunities. We thank Thee for Thy leading in that lovely land during the past sixty years; for the blessings that have attended the work of Thy servants there; for the difficulties which have been overcome; for the young lives that have been consecrated to Thy service and trained for leadership among their own people. We pray for an outpouring of Thy Holy Spirit upon each one of our missionaries—upon all who heal, preach or teach in Thy name. Bless abundantly the native church and her pastors, office bearers and Sunday School teachers. Endue them with Thy Holy Spirit and may they witness for Thee with power. Remember especially those members of the savage tribes who have turned from heathenism, and strengthen all who name Thy name. Preserve our missionaries from all harm. Fill their hearts with courage, patience and a love which never fails. All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# WITH THE AUXILIARIES

### Suggested Programme for July–August

*Hymn*—371, "O Spirit of the Living God." *Scripture*—Acts 17: 22-34. *Prayer—Glad Tidings,* p. 268. *Minutes. Business. Roll Call*—Each member to respond by repeating the name of a missionary in Formosa or the Japanese Empire. *Hymn*—380, "O'er These Gloomy Hills of Darkness." *Current Events*—Sentence items to be given in rapid fire style (these to be gleaned from church and secular press, typed by one of the members and distributed before the meeting starts). *Intermission. Map Talk*—Have one of the members point out on a large map the places in the

Orient visited by the Moderator and his wife. *Solo.* *Address*—The Diamond Jubilee of our Formosa Mission (for material see article by Mrs. W. G. Brown and missionaries in this issue). *Hymn*—377, ''Hark! The Song of Jubilee.'' *Lord's Prayer*—in unison.

# YOUNG WOMEN

## THE SMALLEST MEETING GOES OVER THE TOP

ONE leader found that the September meeting was very poorly attended. She tried telephoning but with little success. Then she decided to write a letter to each member, reminding her of the meeting and asking her to be sure and come. She sent this letter out the beginning of September. It was different to a telephone call—the members had something definite in their hands. The result was that the September meeting was as largely attended as any of the others. Try it out, and back it with a snappy programme.

### Discussions and Debates

One of the most profitable ways in which to bring a dynamic subject before an audience is through the medium of a debate or pro and con discussion. The slight element of competition whets the appetites of the hearers, who unconsciously align themselves now with one side and now with the other, while the effect upon the contestants themselves is self-evident. Care should be exercised in the statement of the topic, however, as it is of questionable ethical value to lead a speaker to argue against his ideals.

These discussions were suggested by the *Missionary Review of the World* in response to requests for such help:

1. Resolved, that David Livingstone made a greater contribution to progress in Africa than Cecil Rhodes.

2. Resolved, that evangelism is more important in the foreign field than education.

3. Resolved, that the missionary has helped the progress of humanity more than has the non-Christian explorer.

4. Resolved, that the missionary is a greater asset for world peace than armaments.

5. Resolved, that the faithful practice of the stewardship of money on the part of church members is a more profitable method of financing the Church and its world-wide enterprise than are the money-raising methods such as fairs, suppers, etc., for profit.

6. Resolved, that the stewardship of time is of greater importance

to the furtherance of the Christian enterprise than the stewardship of money.

7. Resolved, that Home Missions has been helped more than hindered by the moneyed interests of America.

*(To be continued in September issue)*

# GIRLS AND LEADERS

## Camp Achievement

Miss Dorothy Jenkinson

*Last summer, after visiting the girls in some of the Ontario Girls' Camps, Miss Jenkinson determined to have a camp for her girls at East Selkirk. The following story gives a fine picture of her difficulties and eventual success.*

MY summer camp is over and what a splendid venture it was for all of us! I certainly did not realize what a "free summer camp" with no place in view and practically no funds on hand and no leaders but myself to "carry on" meant when I started out the day after my return to Selkirk to arrange for the camp.

We began by deciding amongst ourselves to hold the camp in two weeks' time, then I set out to "find the spot." I did—but I believe I was led; it couldn't have happened otherwise, for we had the loveliest spot imaginable and only five miles from East Selkirk. In finding the place I found sympathy and help as well, for our wood for both cooking and bonfires was given to us, a small tool house allowed as a cook house, a lovely 120 ft. barn turned over for sleeping quarters and general community room. We found everything we needed. And, in addition, the men of the place turned in and helped get things ready. There was a cellar to dig, a stairway to put up to the entrance, a stone fireplace for cooking and many other things to be done, such as tables and chairs to be made, water pumped out of the well in order to be sure of fresh water, an old well to be covered and made safe, old boards with nails to be cleared away where the old house had been wrecked, just heaps of things and less than two weeks and only spare moments but how those men helped, the girls too!

We scrubbed the tool house out with sand and made it shine as well as a tool and oil house could shine.! The girls worked a whole afternoon at it, 4 of them scrubbing, 2 carrying water, it was well washed. The room is about 8 x 12 ft.

After seeing the home operations in full swing I went down to Winnipeg to see what could be done about leaders and some one to help with the Sunday work, as I was carrying the East Selkirk work on just the same! I had a busy day. It was so hot. About 5 p.m. I was turning homeward, hadn't secured one person to help and not much encouragement about a shower of food so many were away on vacation. I was a little sad, not exactly worried, because I always believe I *can* if I must, but, still, to be sole leader in a camp with about 40 children, well, I heaved a sigh! My day wasn't over though. I made one last effort. My plea wasn't in vain and before I left that house I had secured definitely 3 women leaders and 2 men leaders for the entire 5 days, with Rev. J. M. Niven for Saturday and Monday *and* a portable organ secured for us from the Jewish Mission by Mr. Niven. When I arrived home I found that there was another leader able and willing to come! Eight leaders, all giving their services gladly, ably, freely! From that moment all went along well. The ladies in Winnipeg got a shower of food and money for us and were able to send my leaders out by motor car and do just heaps of things for us, making possible the holding of our camp on the date set, just two weeks following my return to the field.

Happy Campers at East Selkirk

It was a splendid camp, even if it rained for two days. We were doing the cooking over an open fireplace supplemented by an oil stove I borrowed from the West Side Church, and serving the meals in the barn, excellent meals, too, and mostly on time. Our friends were sorry it rained but I believe while it kept many of our children from joining us that the rain was a real benefit, for those first days it kept the flies and mosquitoes away and saved me from a sun stroke cooking over an open fireplace, but, best of all, it kept us close together and made more intensive teaching possible.

Our bonfire and evening meetings were really splendid. One night, between 80 and 90 were there and on the last night two of the men brought a big can of ice cream and treated all the children and leaders and many of the guests.

Yes, it was worth while from a community standpoint, for two of my girls whilst at camp confessed their faith in Christ and since then fifteen others have made confession of their faith. I know I am forgetting to tell you things you would like to know, that I think I did the finest piece of work I have ever done in my life, when I carried through the camp.

### Awards for Treasure Books

THE Treasure Book competition still claims the interest of the girls. This year many beautiful books were received, nearly every province being represented. The Committee appointed to judge these books was composed of Misses Stringer, Whatling, Errey and Argoll (missionaries), Mrs. Maunsell, of Red Deer, because no Treasure Book had been received from Alberta, and Misses Lang and Cowan. St. Paul's Church, Prince Albert, and Knox Church, Toronto, tied for first place. The second prize went to a group in First Church, Montreal. Special mention was made of the Junior group at Todmorden Church, Toronto, who now possess a complete record of all our work at home and abroad.

## MISSION BANDS

### A FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM MRS. DILL

*Dear Leaders and Mission Banders:*

AS I have resigned from the Secretaryship of the Mission Bands, a work which has been a great joy to me for many years, I would like to thank the leaders and boys and girls for their faithful, untiring work for others, especially during the last six and a half years.

We have to date 530 Bands and over 13,206 members. That is a noble army for our Church's work, is it not?

If each member continues to bring in others to help in the work for Jesus our Lord, our Bands and membership will increase in number year by year. Remember! That is your work.

Though no longer your Secretary I shall always be your friend and shall constantly pray for you all, and for your work for our Great Leader, and would ask that you show the same loyalty to my successor, Mrs. Adamson, as you have shown to me. I would say to each boy and girl—remember to pray, work and give that the little children of the world may learn that Jesus loves them.

May God richly bless our faithful leaders and Mission Banders.

—*Laura A. Dill.*

## STOP—LOOK—LISTEN!

HAVE you ever noticed how often in the Bible mention is made of eyes and ears together? We are reminded that God made both the hearing ear and the seeing eye. Then we are told that there are many people who, having ears, hear not, and having eyes see not.

Those of you who are teachers may have shown your children a picture and told them to tell you all they see. You have sometimes been disappointed at the result. You have wondered why the children found so little to tell you. They have looked at the picture, but have not seen.

### So We Can Learn

Many of us are like those children. Life is a wonderful thing, a great story all about ourselves and people like us. The story is illustrated. Many of the things we can take in our hands and look at, and so learn something of the wonderful mind of the Maker. Other things are far away. Some, like the sun and stars, are very far off. But we have eyes and can see, and so we can learn much about them.

Do you notice that I say we can learn. You had to learn to read, and that meant a good deal of effort, but it was worth it in the end. You have to learn to see properly, and later on you are rewarded, and life becomes a much greater thing and well worth the trouble you have taken. Then, when you look at a flower you see its marvelous form; when you gaze at the rainbow you glory in its wonderful colors. A bird on the wing points out what beauty there can be in movement.

### Finding Beauty

But you must look for beauty. Once I asked a class of young African boys to try during a whole week to find as many beautiful things as possible. When we met again to talk it over, one said that he had seen the changing colors of leaves just before they fell from the trees as the dry season approached. He could *see* beauty. Another said he had heard a bird singing as though it was glad to be alive. He had *heard* beauty. A third boy said he had been doing his home-work by candle-light. The sum was a hard one, and he had sat and thought about it for a long time. Suddenly he found that he had forgotten the sum, but had got a piece of candle grease between his fingers, and was working it about and thinking how soft and silky it seemed. He had *felt* beauty. A candle would never be a dull, uninteresting thing to him, for he had found beauty in it.

But the seeing eye has other uses. In some parts of Africa the railway crosses the main road along which people walk and many lorries pass, so notices are posted up with the words, "STOP, LOOK, LISTEN," in large letters. People are being warned to use their ears and eyes to avoid accidents. So day by day as we go about this wonderful, beautiful and sometimes, dangerous world, let us pay heed to this very wise piece of advice. Let us stop, look and listen.

—Taken from *Listen,* the paper for the village people,
teachers and school children of Africa.

### Attention Manitoba

In the May *Glad Tidings,* page 197, it is stated that the ''Willing Workers'' Mission Band, Winnipegosis, Manitoba, is composed of Indian children. We have since learned that our information was incorrect and that the members are all white children. We regret this error.

# PROVINCIAL NEWS

## ALBERTA

MRS. R. J. CHRYSTAL, CARSTAIRS, PRESS SECRETARY

EDMONTON P.S.—A very successful Mission Band rally was held in First Church, Edmonton. The lecture room was filled to capacity. There were 150 children, representing 8 city Bands. Each Band contributed to the programme. The description of China as he saw it, illustrated by slides, by Rev. D. Fraser Smith, was listened to with keenest interest. Mrs. E. Gibbs, Presbyterial M.B. Secretary, arranged the programme and presided.

Edmonton Presbyterial, always ready to respond to every appeal, have been very busy gathering a large number of books and periodicals for the library shelves of Edmonton House, the home of Dr. Margaret Strang, at Dixonville, Alberta. This library and reading room are of untold value to all who find their way to the House with the Open Door. Mrs. N. B. Moors, Library Secretary, and Mrs. A. T. Kinnaird, Presbyterial President, attended to the shipping of the books and magazines.

**Calgary P.S.**—The Auxiliary of North Hill Church were in charge of the devotional exercises at the spring meeting of the executive of this Presbyterial. All the reports from the Secretaries were very encouraging, as was also a very fine paper, by Mrs. Woodside, on the ''Eastertide''. Grace Church Auxiliary were highly favored at their annual meeting to have Mrs. Young, wife of Rev. Chas. Young, of India, address the meeting on the great work being accomplished by our missionaries in the Bhil field. A full report of the Provincial meeting was given by Miss Dixon.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. D. A. FOWLIE, 501 WINNIPEG ST., PENTICTON, PRESS SECRETARY

THE annual summer gathering of Westminster Presbyterial was held at the lovely home of Mrs. J. M. Murray, on June 8th. Mrs. Chas. Young, who accompanied Miss Bertha Robson from India, gave an interesting account of the work being accomplished in that land. Mrs. James Herd, Provincial President, gave a brief report of the meeting of the Enlarged Council Executive held in Toronto in May.

Fairview Auxiliary held the June meeting at the home of Mrs. Walter Ellis, and was devoted to the study of the work being done by our missionaries among the Koreans in Japan.

On Saturday afternoon, May 28th, the members of Fairview Church Mission Band were at home to their parents and friends. A pleasing programme was presented by the girls and boys, some of the items forming a review of their work during the past months.

The Thank-offering meeting of the Robertson Church Auxiliary was held recently. Mrs. H. Fraser presided. Circle 4 had charge of the devotions. Those taking part were Mrs. McKee and Mrs. Murdoch. Excellent reports from Circle Secretaries were received. The guest speaker was Mrs. R. J. Douglas, who gave a descriptive talk on the activities of Miss Ellen Douglas and Miss Cathie Moodie, our missionaries in India. A pleasant feature of the meeting was the presentation of a Life Membership. A social hour followed.

## ONTARIO

MRS. D. MASON MCLENNAN, 167 ROEHAMPTON AVE., TORONTO, PRESS SEC.

BARRIE P.S.—The annual meeting, held in Elmvale, May 18th and 19th, was well attended, reports showing faithful work. This Presbyterial comes third in givings in the province, second in supplies, and first in Home Helpers. Speakers were Mrs. J. A. Hilts, Toronto, Mrs. Clarke, late of Palestine, and Mrs. Wright, Penetanguishene. Two missionaries under appointment were introduced, Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy, R.N., and Miss Iris Errey, R.N. Collingwood Auxiliary and Y.W.A., at their Thank-offering, presented a playette, Mrs. Foote spoke of Old Time Psalm Music, and Mrs. Maitland of ''Our Heritage.'' Penetanguishene Auxiliary, on their 38th anniversary, had a St. Patrick's tea, with an address by Rev. M. W. Hislip.

**Chatham P.S.**—Leamington Auxiliary, acting with another association, hold meetings monthly for the benefit of inmates of Essex County Home for the Aged. St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Windsor, celebrated its 54th anniversary by a birthday tea. Mrs. W. Tuckey, Windsor, addressed the Amherstburg Auxiliary meeting. Valetta Auxiliary had Mrs. H. H. Turner as speaker.

**Guelph P.S.**—Central Church Auxiliary, Galt, at a special meeting, had a brief synopsis of each chapter of the study book given by different members, a method successfully adopted last year. Their Easter Thank-offering, with C.G.I.T. representatives, was addressed by Mrs. J. A. Locheed. At the Thank-offering of Fergus Auxiliary, the junior Mission Band gave a chorus and the senior Band a play.

The Presbyterial rally was held at Alma, May 10th, when encouraging reports, especially of the junior organizations, were presented. The Provincial annual meeting was reported by Mrs. Sutton, Preston. Mrs. Hewer, Guelph, conducted the question box and discussion period. Speakers were Mr. and Mrs. Hawtin, Rev. J. Fleming, Waterloo, and the President, Miss A. McRae. In connection with the centenary celebration of St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, members of the Auxiliaries met to pay tribute to the courageous pioneers in missionary organization. With the ''Spirit of Reverence'' as keynote, Mrs. L. Ballantyne, Toronto, spoke fittingly of their labors, Miss M. MacTavish gave the history of the organization, and Miss Sutherland read her poem, ''To Pioneer Women.''

Mrs. W. P. Sutton, Preston, reported the Provincial annual meeting at the May meeting of Knox Church Auxiliary. The New Century Y.W.A. and the Mission Band assisted in the programme. Two members of the Mission Band were presented with the Book of Psalms, awarded by Miss McLellan for regular attendance.

**Hamilton P.S.**—An impressive memorial service was held in Central Church by the Senior Auxiliary, ''Elizabeth Lyle'' Auxiliary, and the Ladies' Aid Society in memory of their beloved Honorary President, Mrs. S. Lyle. Many members took part in the service. Mrs. J. A. Locheed paid heart-felt tribute to the work of organization done by Mrs. Lyle, to her beauty of character, ability and consecration.

**Orangeville P.S.** annual meeting, held at Erin, May 11th, had 18 Auxiliaries represented. Reports showed increased interest in all departments, especially in the junior organizations. Mr. and Mrs. Hawtin gave addresses.

**Ottawa P.S.**—C.G.I.T. groups met in Knox Church Hall, Ottawa, when Mrs. C. H. Thorburn gave an address on ''A Girl's Responsibility to Her Country and Church.'' Erskine C.G.I.T. presented a pageant, ''The Council of Nations,'' written by Miss Isabel Hill. Other groups took part in the interesting programme, assisted by Knox Church Boy Scouts.

**Sarnia P.S.** annual meeting was held in Sarnia, May 17th, with excellent departmental reports. Givings were $4,171.92, and *Glad Tidings* subscriptions 572. Mr. Hawtin spoke on India.

**Saugeen P.S.** annual meeting was held in Arthur, the review of the work being encouraging. The President, Mrs. B. D. Armstrong, gave a report of the Provincial annual meeting. Mrs. V. A. Smith, Toronto, of the Provincial Executive, spoke briefly. Mrs. Wilkie was in charge of the question drawer. Mrs. A. Hawtin gave an address on India. Durham Mission Band won the banner. A pageant was presented by Arthur Mission Band.

**Toronto P.S.**—Every member of Richmond Hill Junior Y.W.A. has a junior certificate, and all are working to complete their Life Membership certificates.

Central Church Auxiliary, Toronto, entertained their Mission Band and the Chinese Mission Band under Miss Dickman. After a programme and games, lunch was served. An interesting speaker at a number of Auxiliaries has been Mrs. D. I. Jeffrey, formerly Ruth Goforth.

### In Memoriam

Eversley Auxiliary records with sorrow the passing of their Honorary President, Mrs. J. L. Jenkins, King City. For many years a faithful member, with the interests of the Society at heart to the last, she left four Life Memberships to her beloved Auxiliary.

Margaret Linton, widow of Rev. Dr. W. G. Armstrong, passed away in Galt, April 16th. An early organizer of the W.M.S. in Guelph Presbyterial, she gave long and faithful service to the work of the church.

## QUEBEC

Mrs. J. D. Anderson, 108 Ellice St., Beauharnois, Press Secretary

### Pioneer Woman Missionary Honored

*Cornerstone of Margaret Rodger Memorial Presbyterian Church Is Laid*

BEAUTIFUL weather favored the members of the Lachute Presbyterian Church as they gathered on Saturday afternoon, May 14th, to witness the laying of the cornerstone of their new church home which will now be known as the Margaret Rodger Memorial Presbyterian Church.

When the late Miss Margaret Rodger as a girl attended the old stone church and listened to the inspiring sermons of the minister, the late Rev. John MacKie, she never dreamed that any later action of her life would be a sufficient inspiration to warrant the erection of a church to perpetuate her memory. Later on in life when she heard the call to go to India and help in laying the foundation of Christianity where Hinduism and Mohammedanism with all their ramifications were firmly established, she and her companion, Mrs. Fairweather, went there as the first woman missionaries* from Canada, she did not think of her act as heroic or epoch-making.

Like all great missionaries from St. Paul to Dr. Goforth of the present day, she was possessed with the spirit of true humility and animated with the holy desire to give of her best to the services of her Lord and Master,

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* *These ladies were sent out by the Presbyterian Church, before the formation of the W.M.S.*

Jesus Christ. Because she possessed this spirit of self-effacement, self-sacrifice and undaunted courage, no honour roll of great missionaries is complete without her name. It is fitting, therefore, that her memory be perpetuated in the community in which she was born and educated and by the Church of which she was a member. This has been made possible through the generosity of her brother William Rodger, and the Church which is now under the process of erection will bear her name.

Rev. Henry Cousins, B.A., pastor of Lachute church, presided and assisting him were the Rev. P. Sampson, Moderator of Presbytery, Rev. A. S. Reid, D.D., clerk of Synod of Ottawa and Montreal, Rev. J. Adams, of Montreal district, Dr. R. L. Ballantyne of St. Andrews East, and Rev. Malcolm Campbell. The cornerstone was laid by Mrs. Agnes MacKie, widow of the late Rev. Jno. MacKie, who gave forty years of faithful ministry, retiring in 1898.—*Montreal Gazette.*

## SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. E. G. D. MACEACHERN, 1934 VICTORIA AVE., REGINA, PRESS SECRETARY

### Mrs. H. R. Horne Honored by the Entire Provincial Membership

REGINA P.S.—Mrs. H. R. Horne, Provincial President, was greatly honored Wednesday afternoon, May 18th, when she was presented with an Honorary Membership in the W.M.S. This Honorary Certificate was a gift from the entire membership of the Provincial Society, including members of Auxiliaries, Young Women's Auxiliaries, Associate Societies, Girls' Organizations and Mission Bands, in recognition of the very great service which Mrs. Horne rendered by way of personally administering the ''relief department'' of the Presbyterian Church. Though this is the greatest honor in the gift of the W.M.S. it cannot adequately express the appreciation felt for the great service rendered by Mrs. Horne. Mrs. James McAra, Vice-President, lent her home for this occasion and graciously made the presentation to Mrs. Horne, on behalf of the Provincial W.M.S. Among those present were the sub-executives of the Saskatchewan Provincial and Regina Presbyterial. Mrs. A. Munro and Mrs. J. A. Sinclair brought greetings from Saskatoon and Regina Presbyterials respectively, while greetings from Moose Jaw and Prince Albert Presbyterials were read in the absence of representatives from these Presbyterials. Mrs. Horne, although taken completely by surprise, replied very suitably and feelingly, and expressed her great appreciation of the honor conferred upon her and graciously thanked the entire membership. In connection with this event a most delightful social time was spent when the members of the Provincial sub-executive were joint hostesses with Mrs. McAra.

Nokomis Auxiliary mourns the loss of a loved and esteemed member in the person of the late Mrs. W. Mason. Mrs. Mason was a member of the first W.M.S. organized here about twenty-five years ago. The sympathy of the members goes out to the bereaved husband and children.

Miss Macarthur, Regina, addressed the Thank-offering meeting and brought the members of this Auxiliary encouragement to carry on even though small in numbers (5) and touched on the work of the W.M.S. in general, concluding with a talk on sacrifice. Twenty-one visitors were present, including members of the United, Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches. All voiced the hope that Miss Macarthur would again visit the Auxiliary.

### The Presbyterial of Prince Albert-Saskatoon Divided

**Saskatoon P.S.**—At the annual meeting of the Prince Albert-Saskatoon Presbyterial, held early in the year, the Presbyterial was divided. Mrs. R. G. McKay, of Prince Albert, was elected President of the Prince Albert Presbyterial, while Mrs. Grant, of Saskatoon, was elected President for Saskatoon.

At the meeting of the sub-executive arrangements were made for the sectional meeting to be held in Rosetown in June. Mrs. J. D. McMillan was appointed to take charge, Mrs. W. G. Brown to be the speaker.

At the Thank-offering meeting of the Parkview Mission Band, Saskatoon, Mrs. Grant gave a most interesting word picture of the boyhood and life work of George Leslie Mackay, the first missionary from Canada to Formosa. Special music was provided by members of the Band. Miss Lamont, Field Secretary, speaking at Parkview W.M.S. outlined the work being done in many of the mission fields, emphasizing the service rendered by Miss Hazel Macdonald, pioneer of the Peace River district, and Dr. Margaret Strang, of Alberta. St. Andrew's W.M.S. reports that the givings, so far, exceed those of last year.

**Prince Albert P.S.**—A pleasant social evening was spent in St. Paul's Church parlors when the ''Lucy Baker'' Auxiliary acted as hostesses to the ''James Nisbet'' Auxiliary. An interesting Easter programme was presented entitled ''The Risen Christ''. A paper was read on the life and work of Dr. Caroline Macdonald.

Mrs. R. J. Mackay, President of Prince Albert Auxiliary, gave an interesting talk on missionary work among the Koreans in Japan.

**Moose Jaw P.S.**—Miss Lamont was the guest of honor when the Girls' Auxiliary of Knox Church entertained at dinner. Covers were laid for forty-five girls including girls from St. Paul's congregation. After the banquet Miss Lamont spoke on ''Girls and Their Opportunities.''

Miss Lamont addressed the Thank-offering meeting of Knox Church W.M.S. Members from St. Paul's joined the Knox on this occasion. Representatives from Briercrest Auxiliary were also present. Miss Lamont took as her theme ''The Dynamic Power of God,'' and in the course of her address stressed the need of the people of to-day, in these troublesome times, saying that the materialistic things of the world do not meet the need or solve the problems, and that there is but one solution—that is for them to return to the God of all Power and that the lines of transmission must be cleared and cleansed of all worldliness to receive that power, affirming that God's love is sufficient to meet the needs of all who will accept. Mrs. P. M. Craig presided. The devotional period was taken by Mrs. W. B. Way, St. Paul's Auxiliary, and Mrs. Thos. Findlay, Briercrest. Following the offering the dedicatory prayer was taken by the President, Mrs. D. M. Craig, who later gave a brief summary of the work of Dr. Caroline Macdonald of Japan. A social hour followed.

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*May 31st, 1932*

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| A Friend, Home Work $25, Foreign Work $25 | 50.00 |
| A Friend, "Bible Women in India" | 120.00 |
| Freight on Supplies | 166.94 |
| Refund on Insurance | 62.75 |
| Interest | 454.47 |
| Government Grant for Birtle Indian School | 4,207.50 |
| PROVINCIAL GIVINGS: | |
| British Columbia | 265.00 |
| Manitoba | 425.00 |
| Quebec | 950.00 |
| Ontario | 7,600.00 |
| Saskatchewan | 400.00 |
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| McMurray Hospital | 223.33 |
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| Vegreville Hospital | 292.00 |
| Chinese in Canada | 795.82 |
| "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian School | 666.66 |
| Birtle Indian School | 676.22 |
| Government Grant paid to Birtle | 4,207.50 |
| Mistawasis | 132.00 |
| Presbyterian Residences: | |
| Huntingdon | 104.16 |
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| Saskatoon | 272.49 |
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| India, Gwalior | 170.00 |
| South China | 595.83 |
| Japan | 5.00 |
| Library | 83.00 |
| Lantern Slides | 1.65 |
| Publications | 678.98 |
| Organization | 103.71 |
| Candidates | 43.05 |
| Pensions | 91.66 |
| Deputation | 94.75 |
| Miscellaneous | 46.35 |
| Student | 30.00 |
| Council Expense | 1,084.70 |
| New Missionaries | 331.68 |
| Exchange | 10.21 |
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# A Call To Advance!

A CALL to advance is a summons from God, and our Church has been called to Go Forward! The former Moderator, the Very Reverend W. G. Brown, said, "It is not size that determines the power of a Church. The real power of a Church is determined by the length of her reach." The present call to our Church is to prepare for greater service and it will be at her peril if she stays by the shore instead of launching out into the deep.

This summons is not theoretical; it is practical, and involves the raising of approximately $500,000 over a period of two years. In this is to be included the amounted contributed to the One Step Forward Movement. This amount will not only remove the deficit which has hampered her progress but will leave a sum sufficient to help the struggling groups. It is a Fund to Maintain and Build our Church. In the raising of this money the Sabbath Schools, Young People's Societies, Aid Receiving congregations, Self-Sustaining congregations, the ministers and the W.M.S. (Eastern and Western Divisions) are to have a share.

The plan has been worked out by Dr. A. S. Grant and endorsed by the General Assembly. It puts the whole Presbyterian Church in Canada behind the whole task so as to render the largest possible service to Christ and His Church, the nation and the world.

In this enterprise our W.M.S. has been asked to take a definite share and to raise $25,000 over a period of two years, and she has consented. It is to be a gift to the Church and *must be* over and above the regular contributions for W.M.S. work. At first sight this may seem an impossible sum, but is it?

If every member of our Auxiliaries and Young Women's Auxiliaries gives at least one cent a week and Home Helpers and Girls' Organizations and Mission Bands one cent a month, over a period of two years, it can be done.

Debt is a hindrance to any Church. We have been called to undertake a great task and we can do it if we look up before we Go Forward.

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Already plans have been set in motion. Each Provincial has been made responsible for promoting the campaign in its own province, and all members will hear in due time when the campaign will begin. Fact Sheets are in preparation and contribution boxes are being printed. The progress of the campaign will be made known through the *Glad Tidings.*

## Editorial Notes

THE appointment is announced of Miss Margaret Robertson, Superintendent of Knox Church House, Toronto, to the position of Superintendent of the Presbyterian Residence, New Liskeard, Ontario. Miss Robertson takes the place of Miss Janet Manson, who is withdrawing after six years of faithful, devoted service.

Miss Margaret Robertson

THE death of Mrs. R. M. Boswell, of Elora, on July 13th, has removed from our ranks not only a pioneer in missionary work and a Life Member of the W.M.S. for nearly fifty years, but the one whose generosity enabled our Society to erect the hospital at Vegreville, Alberta. In 1905 the late Rev. J. C. Herdman, D.D., appealed for a hospital to serve the needs of a foreign colony of some 45,000 people, mostly Ukrainians, adjacent to Vegreville. Mrs. Boswell responded to the appeal and, on October 29, 1906, the hospital was formally opened and named ''Rolland M. Boswell'' in memory of her husband. For nearly twenty-six years this hospital has been a centre of healing to all who have sought its help and, so long as it stands, it will be a memorial to the zeal and devotion of this Christian woman. The Society was also indebted to Mrs. Boswell, in the early days, for one of the School Homes in Vegreville—the ''Boswell'' Home, which was later merged into the newer and larger residences. Gifts of money also found their way into the W.M.S. Treasury from time to time, to help or educate Ukrainian girls.

THE Canadian School of Missions celebrated its tenth anniversary this year, the event being observed with fitting ceremonies. The outstanding features in this anniversary year were: the visit of two illustrious Oriental Christians, Dr. Kagawa of Japan, and Dr. T. Z. Koo, of China; the conclusion of the Building and Equipment Fund made possible by a special grant of $500 from the Inter-Board Committee of the Women's Missionary Societies; and the holding of an Institute on Christian Missions and Rural Populations, an original but most satisfactory experiment in missionary training. In its first decade the School has more than fulfilled its function. It is estimated that 183 missionaries and candidates have shared in its fellowship and that 160 received instruction in the various courses. We would extend our congratulations to Dr. Murray, the moving spirit of this great venture which serves the Canadian Churches in such a vital way.

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MISS LAMONT, accompanied by Miss Lily Macarthur, is enjoying a well deserved furlough in the Old Land, and will return to her duties in October. Miss Lamont will be in Quebec Provincial probably till Christmas, and then comes to Ontario. Miss Pelton will complete some engagements in Ontario and then goes west in November, where she will begin an intensive course for Young Women. Attention will also be given to Presbyterials and Auxiliaries. Miss Pelton's plan of service is now for seven months in the year.

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WE ask our members to remember especially the following missionaries who are on their way to India: Mr. and Mrs. Hawtin and Miss Maxwell, returning after furlough, and Dr. E. Thurrott, and the Misses Bessie M. MacMurchy, E. McKechnie and Iris M. Errey, new appointees; also Miss Mary Elizabeth MacVey en route to Formosa.

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A VERY special welcome home is extended to Dr. Jessie MacBean, our missionary at Hackett Medical College, Canton, South China, and Miss Ada E. Adams, who is in charge of kindergarten work in Taihoku, Formosa, who have arrived in Canada. The latter is on her first furlough, the former on her fifth.

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### VACANT

Owing to her approaching marriage, the Joint Committee of the S.S. Board and the W.M.S. have regretfully accepted the resignation of Miss Jean A. Cowan, Girls' Work Secretary, the resignation to take effect September 30th. Presbyteries are requested, when asked for nominations for this post, to name young women who are University graduates and experienced in girls' work.

# The Enlarged Council Executive Meeting

THE Council Executive of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, with one additional member from each of the six Provincial Societies, met in the Canadian School of Missions, 97 St. George St., Toronto, May 26th to 28th.

This meeting takes place in the intervening year between the biennial meetings of Council, and is of vital interest to the entire membership, for at this gathering, which has Council powers, the work of the year is reviewed, new work sanctioned and the estimates for the coming year accepted. It is a Council in miniature with this exception—set addresses are eliminated and the time is devoted exclusively to an intensive study of the work.

Preceding the business sessions of each morning, the members gathered in the beautiful little chapel for a service of devotion. These were led by the Presidents of British Columbia, Manitoba and Ontario, and in that sacred place, all learned anew the riches of God's Word and the calming, strengthening power of prayer.

Every member of the Council Executive was present with the exception of our beloved Hospital Secretary, Miss Pringle, who unfortunately had broken her arm the day previous, and Mrs. I. C. Sharp, President of Quebec Provincial Society, whose place was taken by Mrs. J. G. Potter. The Provincial representatives included, from *Alberta*—Mrs. F. W. Allott, Calgary, Mrs. H. B. Maunsell, Red Deer; *British Columbia*—Mrs. James Herd, Vancouver, Mrs. A. G. McDonald, Victoria; *Manitoba*—Mrs. J. S. Hutchison, Norwood, Mrs. R. Moore, Fort Frances; *Ontario*—Mrs. W. A. McLennan, Toronto, Mrs. C. H. Thorburn, Ottawa; *Quebec*—Mrs. J. G. Potter, Montreal, Mrs. J. W. Dougherty, Outremont; *Saskatchewan*—Mrs. H. R. Horne, Regina, Mrs. A. Munro, Saskatoon. In addition, there were present 3 missionaries on furlough, the Misses Stringer and Whatling and Rev. Hugh MacMillan; the new appointees: Miss Phyllis Argall, Miss Iris M. Errey; Miss Jean Cowan, Girls' Work Secretary; Miss Pelton, Field Secretary; and the Board of Trustees. We had hoped to have Mrs. W. G. Brown, the Moderator's wife, with us, and there was a distinct feeling of disappointment when it was learned that she could not possibly be back from the Orient in time.

The President, Mrs. Daniel Strachan, occupied the chair and guided the deliberations closing each session with a beautiful prayer message.

The meeting was given over largely to business. There was no careless handling of any subject and much valuable help was gained through frank discussion. The women gathered there were all experts. They had thought things out and they brought to every discussion, keen clear judgment, a fine spirit and above all, the desire to advance the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Great interest is always manifest in the financial and numerical strength of the Society. It was with profound gratitude to God that we heard the Treasurer, Mrs. W. R. Adamson, say: ''No work had to be curtailed. Every Secretary sought to keep down expenses and, as a result, the expenditure was kept at $175,671.95, of which $3,100 was taken from Legacy and Pension Funds, leaving $172,571.95 to be met from receipts, leaving a deficit at the close of the year of only $742.22 which, fortunately, we were able to meet from a favorable balance in one of the departments.''

Mrs. R. C. Donald, Finance Secretary, gave an admirable presentation of our various funds. After speaking of her dislike of always asking for money she said if we would inform ourselves of our work and interest others in it, there would be no trouble in getting money. She paid tribute to the wonderful women who form the organization, their faithfulness, and the marvellous way the money has come in, especially from the prairie provinces. ''If,'' she concluded, ''we will all keep our heads up, our spirits up, our faith up, there will be no doubt about our work going forward. If we do our best God will not fail us.''

Evidence of our numerical strength is seen in the following figures: 6 Provincial Societies; 41 Presbyterials; 740 Auxiliaries; 176 Young Women's Auxiliaries; 307 Teen Age Groups; 517 Mission Bands; 52 Associate Societies; 1,738 Branches; 21,978 Subscribers to *Glad Tidings*; 48,077 Members; $210,306.67 Total receipts from all sources.

Never a meeting comes, never a meeting closes, but we go out with a vision of something new and big in connection with our work for which we must strive. This year, in addition to our W.M.S. estimates, we have been asked to raise $25,000, over a period of two years to build and maintain our Church. We have faced greater tasks and won and we have absolute confidence that our members will achieve this worthy aim.

This meeting, outstanding in outlook and inspiration, saw the close of Mrs. Strachan's four years of leadership. No greater tribute could be paid to any President than to say that her term of office had been marked by perfect harmony, vision, and achievement.

Summing up her impressions of the meeting, the picture Mrs. Horne left with us was that of the innumerable doors of opportunity facing us, and the promise '' 'All power is mine, go ye therefore.' All we have to do, is to place our hands in His and go out at His call, the power is His, the knowledge is His, the opening of doors is His, and ours is to obey and Go.''

—M.C.G.F.

# Four Special Funds

MRS. R. C. DONALD

HAVING since 1925 given a report as Treasurer and Finance Secretary, I find it a little difficult to act as Finance Secretary alone. I have decided to confine my report to our special funds and first comes the **Sustaining Fund.** I am sure most of our members know all about this account, but for those who do not I will try to explain. When our Society was being re-organized in 1925, the Council, remembering financial worries of old, decided to create a fund from which, when necessary, we could borrow, and thus save the heavy expense of borrowing from the bank. So it was agreed that each month 10 per cent. of all the money that came in should be deposited in this savings account. For three years this was done, with the result that we have about $30,000.00 in our ''Sustaining Fund.'' Some years we have had to borrow as much as $20,000.00, but have always repaid it before the end of the year.

Council instructed us to build this Fund, as we were able, up to $50,000.00 but, for the last three years, we have not been able to add anything to it.

Our second special account is our **Pension Fund** and I am sure you all realize how important it is. This account was built up in much the same way as the Sustaining—each month 5 per cent. of the amount paid out in salaries, was put into this savings account. I will not go into the Pension report for you will hear that later. We have now in this account about $17,000.00. Several legacies and gifts have added very considerably to it. This account will need to be at least doubled, before there will be enough interest from it to pay our share into the Pension Fund of the Church.

Then we have our **Legacy Fund,** this to be used as a capital account for new buildings or to repair old ones, either in the Home fields or Overseas. This is a very important fund and it can only be successfully built up if our members will loyally agree to the request of Council, that all legacies, whether left to Auxiliaries or our Society, be sent in to the General Treasurer.

Our last special is called **''The Formosa Forward Movement Fund.''** We found that there was an account of about $14,000.00 deposited in a bank in Formosa, remaining from the Forward Movement Fund, and it was felt that it might be wiser to transfer this to our Canadian Bank. To do this we arranged that our Treasurer in Formosa would draw the quarterly allowance from the account and we deposited a like amount in our home bank. This was done and the whole amount is now in this special account here.

I hope I have made these explanations in a way that can be clearly understood and that all will realize when reading the financial report, that all these different ''Funds'' can only be used for special purposes.

### Pension Fund

MRS. STRACHAN reported that there are now 28 of our missionaries connected with the Pension Fund. Of these, 21 are missionaries overseas and 7 are workers at home. These have paid their own rates into the Fund, according to regulation, and the W.M.S., also according to regulation, has paid 5 per cent of their salaries into the fund. In 1931 the rates of missionaries amounted to $554.72 and the 5 per cent paid by the W.M.S., amounted to $1,807.72.

Two special pensions are paid, one of $600.00 to one of our retired missionaries, and one of $500.00 to our former Secretary-Treasurer of Publications.

There is now in the Pension Fund of the W.M.S., $18,881.02. Of this, $16,000.00 is invested in bonds and $2,881.02 is in the Bank. Included in this amount of $18,881.02 is a special gift of $1,000.00 received since the last Pension report was submitted, for which we extend our grateful thanks.

Our aim is to have sufficient in the Pension Fund of the W.M.S., that the interest may meet the two special pensions and the 5 per cent rate we pay into the Church Pension Fund.

### Trustees' Report

MRS. D. T. L. McKERROLL, Convener of the Board of Trustees, stated that the Trustees of the W.M.S. wish to report that our titles are now in a satisfactory condition. The long delayed transfer and registration in Provincial Registries of titles of property assigned to our Church trustees under the United Church of Canada Act, and transferred by them to us has at last been completed. For the first time since 1925, both the United Church and the Presbyterian Church are in the position of being able to sell and give title in every province of Canada.

Properties overseas are held for our Church and W.M.S. by resident trustees appointed to act in each country concerned, so that these do not come under our purview. We would suggest, however, that some list or memoranda of these be compiled for reference, if such is the wish of the W.M.S., by some of its committee.

Since our last report 1 acre of land has been transferred to your Trustees at Selkirk, Man., in November, 1931, as a gift. Transfer of the three small properties at Birtle, Man., on which the old school stood, to the Indian Department of the Dominion Government, was arranged some months ago, and can now become effective, as registration is complete.

## DEPARTMENTS OF WORK

### Auxiliaries

MISS MacMURCHY reported that the Organizations Department was in a very satisfactory condition, the slight decrease in the Auxiliary membership being more than made up by an increase of 1,500 in the membership of the Y. W. Auxiliaries, Girls' Organizations and Mission Bands. Miss MacMurchy emphasized the importance of increasing the membership. She felt that, perhaps, some Auxiliaries relied too much on special speakers and stated that more benefit would be derived by the individual members if they would prepare studies on the thrilling work of our own fields and gain the inspiration that comes from an outlook on world missions.

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Miss MacMurchy later speaking to the International and Interdenominational report summed up the missionary information that had been received from other parts of the Empire and the world.

### Home Helpers

LOYALTY to her department led Mrs. Logie to request that the money contributed by the Home Helpers be kept separate from the Auxiliary givings and credited to the Home Helpers as was intended from the beginning.

### Young Women's Auxiliaries

FROM January 1st to May, 11 new Young Women's Auxiliaries were organized, 10 in Ontario, 1 in Quebec, was the opening statement of Mrs. J. M. Poole, the Secretary. The earnestness and enthusiasm of the young women was evident in their hearty response to the calls of the W.M.S. and especially for western relief. In Quebec, several Y. W. Auxiliaries had their own missionary libraries and were using them and finding them helpful. The Secretary suggested that they might send their magazines when read to our pioneer hospitals and Sunday School picture rolls to Miss Crockett in Manchuria. Special allocations to this department remain the same: the work of Miss Jenkinson, East Selkirk; Miss H Macdonald, Pouce Coupe; and Miss Crockett, Manchuria.

## MISS PELTON OUTLINES PLAN FOR LEADERSHIP CLASSES

THE future work among the young women was the theme of Miss Pelton's remarks. Having devoted over four years to lectures among the young women's groups in the six provinces she was in a position to speak with authority on the work that had been done, and to suggest the next step that should be taken. The opinion as expressed by the young women themselves was, that the study method was the most effectual and that the more done by members themselves, the greater was their interest. The question of leadership was also a vital subject, many expressing the hope that the Council Executive would institute leadership classes. With this request in view Miss Pelton prepared the following plan for work among the young women during the coming year. This was received with great enthusiasm. By means of a carefully worked out schedule she showed how the work among the young women in the western provinces and all Presbyterial and Auxiliary work that could possibly be needed in the cities, could be overtaken in seven months.

### Suggestion of Topics for the Study

A Leaders' Class consisting of four lectures with discussion after each.

1. **Organization.**—Our W.M.S. from Council to Auxiliary, and other groups.
   The business of organization in the particular group.
   Membership. How to increase it, and how to maintain it.
   How to get members to take part in the work.
2. **The meeting.**—Procedure.
   How much of the business at regular meeting, how much at Executive.
   How can we save time?
   The place we meet.
   The type of programme.
   The importance of missionary presentation being interesting.
3. **The Method of Study.**—What an Auxiliary study should embrace.
   How to prepare a year's study.
   How to use the members in the study method.
   The advantage of an Auxiliary library.
   Adventures in variety.
   What use can be made of social events.
   The matter of allocation. What should an Auxiliary's attitude be toward an allocation?
4. **Leadership.**—What constitutes leadership?
   Can it be developed?
   The value of personality development.

### Girls' Organizations

AN increase of 56 new organizations and 670 new members, was reported by Miss Gray. A decrease of $212.26 in contributions was noted, but this was offset by more generous gifts to supplies. Miss Gray spoke on the question of Junior Auxiliaries and pointed out that when teen age girls organize themselves into Junior Auxiliaries they do not have the guidance and help of the Girls' Work Secretary nor the literature provided by the Girls' Work Board. The allocation set apart for the Girls' Organizations this year is undertaking the health protection of the Indian boys and girls, by paying the salaries of the nurses at our two Indian Residential Schools —Birtle and ''Cecilia Jeffrey''.

The awards for the Treasure Books were announced. They appear in the July-August *Glad Tidings,* page 272.

### Miss Cowan's Message

MISS JEAN COWAN told how being Girls' Work Secretary keeps you out of ruts and described her experiences in Ontario and Quebec during the last year. She instanced the case of a girl of 20 who is leader of two large groups in her church. Miss Cowan expressed her appreciation to the W.M.S., the ministers, and all those who had been so helpful to her. Her closing thought was ''never say to girls, 'we expect you to do this and give this,' instead, tell them of the work and they will do things.'' The great need to-day is sympathetic, understanding leaders who will show the girls that Christianity is life at its best.

### Mission Bands

MRS. DILL'S report was one of optimism. During the year she had had the privilege of speaking to some 1,600 children in the Mission Bands and meeting the boys and girls at 9 Mission Band rallies, one in each of the western provinces and 5 in Ontario. There are 13,206 members in 517 Bands and, since the first of the year, 8 more Bands have been reported. When you consider that there has been a steady increase in Mission Bands in the last 7 years, the foundation stones of our W.M.S. are all that we can desire as far as the work is concerned. The one flaw to perfection is the lack of leaders and this is being solved in some places by the C.G.I.T. Groups providing leaders from among their number.

### Students

ONE most interesting part of the work is the effort to interest students in missions, said Mrs. Calvin. All the Provincials, with the exception of Saskatchewan, have Student Secretaries. Presbyterial Secretaries have also been appointed in three provinces. Their duty is to locate Presbyterian students. Students don't want direction but they all welcome friendship and kindness. The most notable development this year is the way in which some of the Young People's Societies have become interested in the students.

### Rev. Hugh A. MacMillan

Rev. Hugh A. MacMillan, of Formosa, spoke of his work on behalf of the Student Christian Movement and Student Volunteer Movement throughout the universities and colleges in the Dominion. He emphasized the method of approach to students and urged that we open our hearts and homes to these young people who need the sympathetic guidance of older people who understand their viewpoint and can help them through difficult years.

### Candidates

MRS. GRANT stated that the past year had been the busiest in the history of this department. All National calls were readily filled, because of an overlong waiting list. As the result of a special effort to secure two college trained teachers for our Formosa School, some fifteen applications were received from University girls, in Canada. All were keen about teaching in the Orient—one, only, had mission work in mind. From correspondence and conversation with these graduates, the Secretary was forced to the conclusion that the study of Christian missions is, at least, not a compulsory subject in Canadian Universities. Two recent overseas appointments were reported, making six for the year. In May, Dr. Elizabeth H. Thurrott, of Newcastle Bridge, N.B., was appointed an evangelistic medical missionary to Jhansi, India, and Miss Phyllis Argall, M.A., of Kobe, Japan, will join the teaching staff of our Girls' School, in Tamsui, early in September.

Among the several urgent calls for overseas workers, two are outstanding—for British Guiana a high school principal, and for the Bhil Field a College trained woman for school work.

## SUPPLIES

"THE interest in this work has been well maintained" was the cheering statement of the indefatigable Secretary, Mrs. Fletcher. Hospitals, Welcome and Welfare and Chinese Departments refer to the help received from the supplies provided. Many bales were sent to mission fields and Indian reserves which lightened the burden in many homes and enabled Santa Claus to pay a visit where he was not expected. The aim of the department is to provide supplies that will adequately meet the needs of the various departments of our work and enlist the interest and co-operation of the 48,000 members in Auxiliaries, Y. W. Auxiliaries, Girls' Organizations and Mission Bands. Our supplies are part of our offering to the Master's work and represent expenditure of time and effort.

In preparing supplies, the advice of the Secretary was:

1. Adhere carefully to the allocation. Should the list include sheets and pillow cases follow the measurements given in the supply leaflet unless measurements are specified in the allocation.

2. Outfits for Indian children in Residential Schools should be complete. These have to last a whole year. Clothing should be of substantial material and as attractive as possible.

3. Quilts are not needed in any of our institutions but many will be required for deaconess work, mission fields and Indian reserves. Unless otherwise specified these are double bed size.

4. Members were urged to adhere closely to the instructions *re* packing and shipping. Many articles in the list of needs could be provided by Girls' Organizations, and Mission Bands. The suggestion is that the Presbyterial Supply, Mission Band and Girls' Organizations Secretaries co-operate in assigning some suitable work to these branches. The total value of supplies was $26,887.44. In addition to these supplies large quantities of clothing were provided for western relief.

### Library

THIS important department works quietly but effectively. Last year an unusually large quantity of Bibles and hymn books was sent out. Miss Kerr suggested that Presbyterials survey their own districts to find out where literature could be placed and pass the information on to the Provincial Secretaries. She urged that only good books and magazines of recent issue be sent out.

### Lantern Slides

MISS J. FLORENCE LANG, speaking for this department, reported that three new sets had been completed: The Budget Set—What our Church is Doing at Home and Abroad; The Little Brown Brother—Canadian Indians; India—Land of Light and Shadow, in two divisions: Heart of India (Gwalior Field, 15 slides), Beautiful Valley (Amkhut, Bhil Field, 16 slides).

Requests have come for shorter sets with more information, suitable for children, as this type makes a deeper impression. This plan will be followed in the shorter sets. Three sets will be ready in September: Formosa—Gem of the Orient (Jubilee Set); Over the Sea to Formosa; and Happy Days in India. The last two are for children.

Miss Lang asked the Provincial Secretaries to assist this Department by sending in pictures of the Church or W.M.S. work which might be of interest in making up future sets.

### Publications

IF you want to promote our work talk about it, was the advice of Mrs. Ballantyne, Secretary of Publications. Speaking on the change in the type of books that are selling, Mrs. Ballantyne said, ''We are trying to adjust our books and helps for study to the times and are providing less expensive books and leaflets as that is what is most in demand.'' These are being purchased almost entirely in Great Britain. The new Auxiliary study book *Seven Seas of Service,* to cover two years' study, and *Who Is My Neighbor?* the study book for Girls' Organizatoins, were announced. Warm tribute was paid to the splendid help and co-operation of the Provincial Secretaries.

### ''Glad Tidings''

MISS FRASER, Editor, drew attention to the cheaper cover which is being used temporarily on *Glad Tidings* and which is expected to effect a considerable saving. The subscriptions for 1931 number 21,978, a decrease of 613.

A request having come from Ontario Provincial that the Life and In Memoriam Certificates be again printed in the *Glad Tidings,* the Editorial Committee recommended:

1. That the names of all who receive Life and In Memoriam certificates be printed in the Annual Report, the name and place of residence only to be given.

2. That the names of places of residence of Junior members appear once a year in the *Tidings,* the seals to be indicated by stars.

After discussion it was agreed on motion of Mrs. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Thomson, ''That the present plan be continued for another year.''

The question of the type of material which appears under Provincial News was discussed and referred to the Provincials for further consideration.

## OUR NATIONAL WORK

### Welcome and Welfare

MRS. McMULLEN stated that there are 15 permanent workers in the Welcome and Welfare Department and told of 2 outstanding appointments to the work among the New Canadians—Mrs. Frank Kovacs, to work among the Hungarian women and children in Hamilton for the balance of the year, and Miss Julia Maystrowich, among the Ukrainians in Toronto Presbytery. A new church is being erected at Mayfield, Man., where Miss Dorothy Jenkinson is the missionary. It is just one result of Miss Jenkinson's splendid work. The land was a gift, much of the material used was donated, the work was voluntary and the building was made possible through a legacy.

### Presbyterian Residences

MRS. GORDON, who visited our Residences at Vegreville, Prince Albert, and Saskatoon after the Council meeting last year, shared her experiences and impressions with members of the Executive. She paid warm tribute to the influence exerted over the pupils by the Superintendents. Decreased attendance was reported at all residences except New Liskeard. This was readily understood with conditions as they are at present. The Residence at Huntingdon, Que., recently visited by the President, is thriving. Mrs. Gordon also visited Mistawasis and told of her interview with the Chief and his expressed desire for a Presbyterian boarding school for the children in that district.

### Indians

MISS McKERROLL reported that the Government had intimated that there would be a cut of 10 per cent. in the grants to all Indian schools. A deputation from the different Churches affected met with the Premier to protest against this action, and it is hoped the cut will be reduced to at least 5 per cent. A 10 per cent. reduction on our grants would amount to $3,900.

The event of the year was the opening of the new Birtle Indian

Residential School. The school is set on an 835 acre farm and has dormitory room for 125 pupils. This fine new building makes a better type of work possible.

In the district served by the "Cecilia Jeffrey" Residential School there are 1,222 Indians under 21 years of age, but only 473 are enrolled in denominational schools, 500 boys and girls being yet untouched. Thirty-three pupils united with the Presbyterian Church in Kenora this year and 18 of them have become earnest Sunday School teachers.

Twenty-five children have been attending at Mistawasis Improved Day School. Many more children wish to go and Chief Dreaver is anxious they should do so.

### Hospitals

MRS. POOLE, in the regrettable absence, through illness, of Miss Pringle, reported for the Hospitals at Fort McMurray and South Porcupine.

Acting on the advice of the Alberta Advisory Committee the hospital at Fort McMurray has been closed, Miss Olive Ross, the Superintendent, withdrawing May 1st. Miss Ross has been a most efficient nurse and her work has always made a great appeal to our members, and we regret that it was felt "that the need for the hospital had passed." At the request of the townspeople an ordained minister has been sent in by the Board of Missions and the money we were spending on the hospital is to go towards the missionary's salary. The South Porcupine Hospital has had a much better year—192 patients is a goodly number in these times. Miss Wenger, like all our Superintendents and nurses, is helping the finances by exercising rigid economy.

Speaking for the two hospitals in her department, Mrs. Poole stated that splendid work had been done in both Vegreville and Canora, and drew special attention to the gifts to Vegreville by the Eastern Star Lodge and Hospital Aid. Conditions at Canora have not been as favorable as in the past. Part of the district served by the hospital being in the dried out area, has made it necessary to provide financial assistance. Miss Cuddy's one request is for an extra supply of canned fruit this year. Miss Cuddy and one of her nurses have been studying Ukrainian and can now make themselves understood by the Ukrainians.

## CHINESE IN CANADA

MANY roads of expansion are open to Chinese work in Canada, were money available. Among these are: teachers to start new work; more teachers in places where work is established; Chinese trained nurses. This year, however, any expansion must be accomplished through voluntary helpers. The Chinese people are spread over Canada, in villages, towns and cities. Kindness and neighborliness will always prepare the way for the teaching of Christianity. To illustrate this Mrs. Sedgewick told of a fine piece of work which had been started among the Chinese women in Edmonton—just a friendly little sewing circle which met to hold a service and sew for missionary purposes. Mrs. Sedgewick voiced a great truth that her brief experience in the work had taught her,—that to be successful, the Chinese work must be carried on, not always as we think it should be, but as the Chinese themselves want it. She paid warm tribute to Miss Dickson. In finding out what the Chinese people need and want, she often had to seek the advice of the Superintendent for Chinese work, Rev. D. A. Smith and Miss Dickson, both of whom have been missionaries in China, are on terms of intimacy with the Chinese people and are in their confidence and therefore, competent advisers.

## OVERSEAS MISSIONS

### British Guiana

BRITISH Guiana is slowly emerging from the state of transition in which we found her last year. Since the decline of the sugar industry the laborers on these estates (the majority of whom were East Indians) started the cultivation of rice, each on his own little plot of land. Generally, the crops have been good, but like products of the soil everywhere, the price has been low. Thus the East Indians in British Guiana have had responsibility thrust upon them, and they will have gained a feeling of independence and ability to lead and organize. These characteristics will be helpful in their transition into self governing and self supporting groups of Christians. A beginning towards this ideal for them has been made by the recent ordination of four elders, two in Berbice, one in Demerara and one in Essequebo. Rev. David Marshall, of Richmond Hill, Ontario, for some years a missionary in British Guiana under the Presbyterian Church of Scotland, will visit this field this summer at the request of the Assembly's Board of Missions to investigate conditions. Mrs. Rice hopes that in 1933 the Secretary will be able to report a larger attendance of East Indian girls at the Berbice High School, with a Canadian Principal, all housed in a fine new building, and a deaconess for the women and children.

### Koreans in Japan

THE outstanding needs in the work among the Koreans in Japan, as outlined by Mrs. N. H. MacGillivray, are: (1) an ordained missionary. The work is growing beyond the workers. New Christian groups are springing up continually. Sunday Schools, Bible Schools and kindergartens are increasing in number and attendance, yet Rev. L. L. Young is the only ordained missionary there. His furlough is due in about two years. An ordained missionary should be there during his absence. (2) A medical unit for Osaka, that great city with its large slum district. Here, many Koreans in extreme poverty are found. The W.M.S. has estimated for a nurse but custom demands a doctor also. (3) A church in Osaka where the widely scattered groups may meet for worship. It would cost $2,000 a sum far beyond the financial power of the Koreans, yet with their accustomed faith some groups have already collected a little money for it. Koreans are taught to support their churches and out of their poverty have contributed over $5,600 for this purpose. They ask us to pray that these needs may be met.

## Manchuria and South China

MISS M. M. REID, prefaced her report with the following interesting statement: At a Conference on the China-Japan situation, held early in the spring, which some of the Secretaries were privileged to attend, Dr. Outerbridge spoke for Japan, Dr. Harvey Grant for China. Both gentlemen made this statement: ''Whatever be the national situation, whatever be the political situation the Christians of Japan and the Christians of China meet together and they pray together for the extension of Christ's Kingdom on earth.'' This gives us hope for unhappy China and Manchuria this day.

From South China word has come that Dr. Jessie MacBean will arrive in Vancouver about the middle of July and remain in the west visiting relations and friends and interviewing Dr. Hauffman before he returns from the States to Canton from his furlough. Our hope is that she may long be spared ''to save life and spread the True Light'' in Canton. To this end we bespeak for her the greatest consideration in both the west and east during her furlough. She saves others. She has not learned to save herself.

Miss Ethel Reid has been a perfect joy to us ever since she arrived in China. We had in our hearts regretfully said good-bye to her as our missionary, when she resigned from our Society to marry Mr. Burkwall. But not so! She is writing us the same splendid letters as before her marriage. She is going up and down Shek Lung district, arranging on her Church of Christ Board as to the disposition of our grant and, with other finely equipped workers is helping to build up not a Presbyterian Church, but a real Church of Christ in China—one which the people feel is their own and in which Miss Reid says they are perfectly competent to take the controlling power.

Mrs. Donald MacGillivray of Shanghai, to whom we send a small grant annually for the Christian Literature Society, writes that they want a Chinese worker for this Society and just hints that they will be asking for one some day.

Our hearts have gone out specially to Miss Crockett in warring Manchuria. She has seemed so much alone in her work in Szepingkai where she arrived so shortly after the resignations of our former lady missionaries. But this we hope is to be happily remedied. We have Miss

Errey splendidly equipped ready and eager to give all the knowledge she has acquired in her nurse's profession and Bible training, to all who need her in our Manchurian Mission. Miss Errey, who was present, spoke briefly.

### India

MRS. McMURRICH stated that, in the report of the Jhansi Mission, the new census figures showed that India's population had increased 10 per cent in the last ten years and now totalled 353 millions. In 1921, there was one Christian to every 67 persons in India; now there is one to every 57. The Christian Church has more than doubled itself in thirty years and trebled itself in fifty. One marvels not that little has been accomplished but that so much has been done. Even though there be a vast disparity in numbers the Christians are recognized as the third largest religious group in the land, and their influence is far beyond their numerical strength.

Turning to her work proper, Mrs. McMurrich spoke of the time of anxiety through which our India field had passed, due to the death of Mrs. D. E. McDonald; the illness of our beloved missionary, Miss Robson, and her necessary home coming; the epidemics which took place and filled to overflowing the ''M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home''; our newer missionaries home on furlough and our newest workers left to hold the fort alone. To offset these anxieties came the announcement of reinforcements being sent out—three new workers, Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy, R.N., Miss Eleanor McKechnie, R.N., and Dr. Elizabeth H. Thurrott, who goes as an evangelistic medical missionary to Jhansi; and one returning after furlough—Miss Christine Maxwell.

Miss Elizabeth Hope Thurrott, M.D.

The greatest sympathy was expressed for Miss Robson, who for twenty years has served so splendidly in the Bhil field and has accomplished wonderful things for Christ. She has built up a marvellous school there and has been the means of erecting other buildings. On her return to Canada she was given the best medical attention but it remains to be seen if her health can be sufficiently restored for her to return to her beloved India. Now someone is needed to take her place as principal of the school. It must be someone with a trained mind—a University graduate. Miss Robson's work has been of such a high standard that anything less than the best would not be satisfactory.

The building programme for 1931 has been completed. In the last five years 4 buildings have been erected, but a nurses' home at Jobat and a hostel at Jhansi are still needed.

### Miss Stringer and Miss Whatling Welcomed

MISS STRINGER and Miss Whatling, our first missionaries to go out after 1925, received a cordial welcome on their return for their first furlough.

Miss Whatling, who is the only purely evangelistic missionary in Jhansi, spoke of her work among the village children, who know nothing but hard labor, and told of the new work opening up and of her great joy in having one of her workers acknowledge Christ.

Miss Stringer, principal of the ''Helen Macdonald'' School, Jhansi, has seen the school grow from 7 pupils in 1926 to 106 in 1932, 85 of these being boarders. She told of their aversion to play and how that had been overcome. But the story that touched all hearts was the ''Gift of the Girls to their Church.'' This appears in full in the Fact Sheet.

### Formosa

MRS. MARTIN reported that every department of our work in North Formosa has encouraging features. To commemorate the Diamond Jubilee, the Presbytery decided to stress evangelism in every form—holding meetings for non-Christians and encouraging all Formosan Christians to pledge themselves to try and bring at least one person to Christ. This has met with fine response. A certificate is also being awarded to any person memorizing 60 verses of scripture, selected by a committee in Formosa. This certificate is in Chinese and may be earned by any in Canada who memorize the prescribed verses (information regarding this is in the hands of our Mission Band Secretary). In further commemoration, the Tamsui Church, established by Dr. G. L. Mackay, is to be rebuilt, our W.M.S. share in this memorial being $500. The North Formosa Council also suggested that an ideal way for the W.M.S. (W.D.) to celebrate the Jubilee would be to send out 5 new missionaries. Four have been appointed, two, Misses Taylor and Hermanson, have reached Formosa, and Misses Argall and MacVey go in August.

Several men of the Ami tribe (head hunters) have come to be educated at the Theological College and Middle School, Tamsui, bringing their families, about 35 people in all. The women attend the Women's School and a kindergartenette has been opened for the children. It is hoped that these families will carry the gospel back to their own tribe.

Of interest is the church for the Happy Mount Leprosy Colony, which is being established on a beautiful site between Tamsui and Taihoku.

Our W.M.S. contributed $5,000, over a term of years, towards the erection of the Church. A tablet is to be placed upon it bearing this inscription: "To the Glory of God and to commemorate the gift of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada."

### Presentation of a Bible

At this point, Mrs. Martin, the Secretary, in the name of the W.M.S. presented Miss Argall with a beautiful Bible suitably inscribed, Miss Argall in thanking the members expressed the hope that she might render worthy service.

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## BUSINESS

**Presbyterian Residences.**—The following resolution from Alberta Provincial was presented, thoroughly discussed and referred to the Council Executive for consideration and investigation.

> "After due consideration of a Resolution received from Edmonton Presbyterial, which stated:
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> > Resolved that an inquiry be made for the purpose of determining whether the cost of maintaining the Vegreville School Homes is justifiable in view of the results obtained,
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> there was added the following recommendation to be forwarded to Council Executive at Toronto:
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> > That on account of the surrounding country of the School Homes having been well opened up by railways and now served by both schools and churches, thus lessening considerably the attendance of the School Homes, the Council Executive be urgently asked to consider the matter of transferring the work and workers to the more needed fields in Northern Alberta."

The following resolution from the Sub-Executive of Saskatoon Presbyterial, which was sent on by the Provincial without comment, was read.

> "Resolved that the Saskatoon Presbyterial Sub-Executive request the Provincial Executive to propose to the May, 1932, meeting of Council Executive of our W.M.S., that a Committee of enquiry be appointed to investigate and report as to the reasons for the little use being made of the Presbyterian Residence at Saskatoon, and as to the advisability of continuing to operate it unless that use can be increased. The Sub-Executive deplores the heavy expenditure incurred in the operation of the Residence which is serving a mere handful of girls at a time when withdrawal of missionary forces is imminent because of lack of funds."

The Sub-Executive suggests that the Committee on enquiry consist of non-Saskatchewan residents—business men and women.

This resolution was also thoroughly discussed and it was agreed, that the matter be gone into by the Council Executive, and an investigation made when the Superintendent's health is fully restored.

**Provincial Requests.**—The Provincial Advisory Committees renewed their requests: Alberta wants a deaconess at large; Quebec a second Residence and a deaconess at large for Montreal and district.

Re **Note** on page 240, Annual Report. Agreed that it should read as follows:

> ''It is deemed advisable if there is no valid reason against it, that no officer hold the same office continuously for more than four years, it being left with the organizations to decide how many of their officers shall be changed in any one year.''

**Constitution.**—Annual Report, page 214, Clause V. c. Agreed that this read: ''The President of each Presbyterial Society or her elected substitute *elected at the Presbyterial Annual Meeting.*

Provincial by-laws, page 226, VIII,

It was also suggested that the First Vice-President be ex-officio a member of all standing committees. Agreed that this be referred to the Provincials for their opinion.

**Tabulated Forms.**—Because of the misunderstanding regarding the use of the term ''Honorary Members'' and ''Honorary Officers'' on the tabulated forms, it was agreed that there should be a general heading ''Certificates'' with columns divided as follows: New Life Members, New Junior Members, New Honorary Members, and New In Memoriam Subscriptions.

**Presbyterial Nominating Committee.**—In accordance with instructions from last Council Meeting a leaflet is being prepared covering the duties of officers. It will also give a definition of a Nominating Committee and a Nominations Committee.

With regard to the Presbyterial Nominating Committee by-law, it was agreed that any Presbyterial who wish to have all the names sent in as nominations, presented at their meeting could do so.

**Grants to Presbyterials for Holding Semi-Annual Meetings.**—Agreed ''That the yearly grant to the Provincials for travelling of officers to the Semi-Annual Presbyterial Executive, be used as each Provincial finds most helpful in the interests of Presbyterial work.

**Notice of Motion** was given for any changes that may be necessary in the Constitution and By-laws during the ensuing year.

**Representation on the Board of Missions.**—Agreed ''That one of our seven members on the Board of Missions be a Provincial President, a member of the Council Executive.''

**Budget for 1933.**—Agreed ''That our Budget for 1933 remain the same as for this year—$190,000.00.''

**Church Deficit Fund.**—Agreed ''That, without prejudice to any appeal that may come before us from outside our work in future days, because of the present emergency, we accept the request of the Church to undertake the raising of the $25,000 in the next two years.''

**Next Council Meeting.**—Agreed ''That arrangements for the next Council Meeting be left to the Council Executive, to decide the place of meeting and whether the meeting be a full Council or the enlarged Council Executive.''

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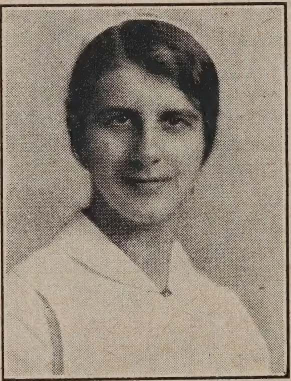
At a meeting of the Council Executive on June 14th, Mrs. Potter, on behalf of the Quebec Provincial, presented an invitation to hold the Biennial Council Meeting in Montreal in 1933.

**Note.**—Page and paragraph numbers used in the Constitution business refer to the 1930 Annual Report. M.C.G.F.

# DESIGNATED TO SERVICE IN INDIA

FIRST Presbyterian Church, Collingwood, Ontario, was a perfect setting for the solemn and dignified service, that marked the designation of Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy, R.N., under appointment, by the W.M.S., as nurse evangelist in Jobat, the Bhil Field, India.

The impressive service, under the auspices of Barrie Presbytery, was held on June 21st. The Rev. J. A. McInnis, B.A., B.D., of Orillia, Moderator of the Presbytery, assisted by the Rev. R. Birnie of Duntroon and Rev. Wm. MacMillan, B.D., pastor of the Church, conducted the service in the presence of many friends and representatives from the Provincial and Presbyterial Societies. Rev. E. C. Currie, Creemore, preached the sermon. Miss MacMurchy, Toronto, President of the W.M.S., presented the candidate, giving an account of her record, and stating that she was going out with the attributes necessary to success, a thorough training and knowledge of the work, and a desire to use her talents for the work of the Church, and service to mankind, but above all as a true servant of Jesus Christ. The designation service was then conducted by the Moderator, followed by prayer. The candidate having satisfactorily answered the questions put to her by the Moderator, the right hand of fellowship was then given by members of Presbytery.



Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy

A series of presentations followed—Mrs. A. R. McMurrich, Toronto, Secretary for India, on behalf of the W.M.S. presented Miss MacMurchy with an English Bible; Mrs. J. H. Eaton, Orillia, member of the Provincial Executive, presented a Hindi Bible, a gift from the British and Foreign Bible Society; on behalf of Barrie Presbyterial, the President, Mrs. Swallow, expressed greetings and best wishes, and Mrs. Nolan presented their gift, a beautiful steamer rug; a purse of money, from the Collingwood congregation, Women's Association, W.M.S., and choir, was presented by Mrs. A. Moffatt, Mrs. G. Park, President, of the W.M.S., speaking of the love and esteem in which the candidate is held by the church in Collingwood. Miss MacMurchy, Toronto, followed with a congratulatory address. Greetings from Barrie Presbytery were brought by the Moderator, Rev. J. A. McInnis, B.A., B.D. With the singing of a hymn and the benediction the impressive service concluded.

Miss MacMurchy sails on the *Duchess of Richmond,* September 16th, for India.

# DESIGNATED TO WORK IN INDIA

AN impressive service was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Tisdale, Sask., on June 20th, when Miss Eleanor McKechnie, R.N., was designated as a missionary nurse to Jhansi, India, under the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The service was under the auspices of the Presbytery of Prince Albert and was conducted by the Moderator, Rev. J. C. Madill, Kinistino, assisted by Rev. J. L. Hughes, Melfort, and Rev. K. Guergis, minister of the Church.

Miss M. Eleanor McKechnie

The service opened by the reciting of the Lord's command ''Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature,'' and the singing of ''Unto the Hills.'' Rev. J. L. Hughes made a brief statement of the record and life of service of Miss McKechnie. The formal designation followed, prayers were offered and the right hand of fellowship given. Hearty and sincere wishes for God's richest blessing upon the missionary designate were extended by the Presbytery. Two impressive and inspiring addresses were given—one to Miss McKechnie, by Rev. J. L. Hughes, the other to the congregation, by Rev. G. McKay.

Mrs. R. G. McKay, of Prince Albert, extended greetings to Miss McKechnie from the W.M.S. and from the India Secretary, Mrs. McMurrich, of Toronto, and, on behalf of the W.M.S., presented her with a Bible, the usual gift of that Society on such occasions. Mrs. Hughes, of Melfort, on behalf of the Presbyterial, presented Miss McKechnie with a beautiful hand bag. Mrs. M.. A. McKay expressed the interest and pride of St. Andrew's W.M.S., Tisdale, in the unselfish and worthy actions of Miss McKechnie, and Mrs. Howe, in the name of that Society, presented her with a large leather suitcase. Another interesting presentation was that of the Hindi Bible, from the British and Foreign Bible Society, made by Mrs. T. C. Argall. Dr. M. C. McKay, Tisdale, delivered a congratulatory address on behalf of St. Andrew's session, at the close of which little Marion White presented Miss McKechnie with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

The service closed with the singing of the Doxology and the Benediction by the Moderator.

Miss McKechnie sails on the *Duchess of Richmond,* September 16th, for India.

# DESIGNATED TO WORK IN MANCHURIA

AN impressive service was held in St. Andrew's Church, Galt, Ontario, on Monday evening, June 27th, when Miss Iris M. Errey, R.N., was set apart, by the Guelph Presbytery, for work in Manchuria, as a nurse evangelist, under the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Rev. T. G. Marshall, Hespeler, preached the sermon and Rev. J. T. Lowe gave the narrative of record, telling of Miss Errey's early life and the steps that led her to decide to go to the foreign field. Rev. Walter Patterson, Preston, led in prayer, and Miss Errey was then solemnly dedicated for her important work, the ceremony being conducted by Rev. M. B. Davidson, Moderator of the Presbytery. The right hand of fellowship was given to the newly designated missionary by members of Presbytery, Council Executive and Guelph Presbyterial. Rev. H. L. Bennie, Acton, addressed the young missionary.

Miss Iris M. Errey

The following gifts were then presented: Cheque from the choir, Women's Missionary Society, Sunday School, Young People's Society and congregation of St. Andrew's Church, presented by Mrs. Lowe; writing case from the Ladies' Aid of St. Andrew's Church, presented by Mrs. Walker; travelling rug from Mrs. Lowe's Bible class, presented by Mrs. Lowe; cheque from the Guelph Presbyterial Society, presented by Miss Annie MacRae; travelling rug from Guelph Presbytery, presented by Rev. G. Taylor Munro, Kitchener; a Bible in Mandarin from the British and Foreign Bible Society, presented by Rev. James Fleming, Waterloo; and a Bible from the Council Executive, presented by Miss Margaret M. Reid, Toronto, Council Secretary for Manchuria. The Council Executive was further represented by Miss MacMurchy, President of the W.M.S., and Mrs. D. Strachan, past President.

It is a cause of deep regret that, since the designation service, owing to unforeseen circumstances on the field, the Council Executive find it is inadvisable for Miss Errey to go to Manchuria and have appointed her to the Bhil field, India, instead. While naturally disappointed, Miss Errey concurred willingly in the decision of the Council Executive. She sails on the *Duchess of Richmond,* September 16th, for India. By a happy coincidence Miss Errey's first thought had been of service in India.—EDITOR.

# DESIGNATED TO SERVICE IN FORMOSA

A LARGE congregation gathered in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Fredericton, N.B., on Thursday evening, June 23rd, to witness the designation of Miss Mary Elizabeth MacVey, of Fredericton, as a teacher in the Girls' School, Tamsui, Formosa.

Five ministers took part in the service: Rev. S. J. MacArthur, Moncton, N.B., Moderator of the St. John Presbytery; Rev. A. S. Grant, Toronto, General Secretary of the Board of Missions; Rev. Scott MacKenzie, D.D., Principal of the Presbyterian College, Montreal; Rev. J. G. Berry, pastor of St. Andrew's Church and Rev. George Knight, pastor of the church at Harvey Station, N.B.

Miss Mary E. MacVey

The service which was most impressive, was presided over by Rev. S. J. MacArthur who opened with a prayer of invocation which was followed by the singing of ''All People That on Earth do Dwell''. Isaiah 60th chapter was read by Dr. MacKenzie and prayer offered by Rev. J. G. Berry. ''Breathe on Me Breath of God'' was sung. Rev. George Knight then read Ephesians 4th chapter and all joined in the Lord's Prayer. This was followed by the singing of ''Jesus Shall Reign''.

The formal ceremony of designation was then conducted by the Moderator, who at the conclusion, offered prayer. The right hand of fellowship was then extended to the candidate by the members of Presbytery.

On behalf of the Western Division of the W.M.S. under which Miss MacVey will serve, Mrs. John Thomson, of Toronto, extended warm greetings and in a few well-chosen words expressed her pleasure at being present on this important occasion, and presented Miss MacVey with a beautiful Scofield Bible. On behalf of the British and Foreign Bible Society, Rev. J. G. Berry made the presentation of a very fine copy of the New Testament in the language of the Formosan field.

Short addresses were given by Dr. Grant and Dr. MacKenzie on the importance of mission work and the call of the Church to her young people.

Greetings of a very warm, tender character were given by Mrs. S. S. Miller on behalf of the W.M.S. of St. Andrew's church.

The service closed by singing of the hymn ''Master Let Me Walk with Thee'' and the Benediction.

Miss MacVey sailed on the *Empress of Canada,* August 27th, for Formosa.

# Chinese Vacation School, Toronto

MISS AGNES I. DICKSON

THIS was our fifth session and we had the largest enrollment yet. The permanent roll was 55, with 60 children there at different times. We had six workers in all, three Canadian and three Chinese.

There were three departments in the school—Junior, Primary and Kindergarten. The programme included Bible teaching, stories, hymns, songs, handwork and games; and the children were all so happy and interested. Special prizes were donated by Miss MacQuarrie for Bible memorization, handwork and conduct. We had a delightful picnic at 156 St. George Street for our school outing.

**Chinese Vacation School Staff, Toronto**
Left to right: Misses Mark, Wong,
Petch, Dickson, Lambert, Young

They had a picnic in the Exhibition grounds July 28th, a farewell gathering for Mrs. Mark King, and Mrs. Wong Cheung Tak, who are returning to China. Mrs. Mark has been one of the leading Christian women in the Chinese community and a faithful helper in all the activities connected with the women's work at the Institute. Her going leaves a blank which it will be very difficult to fill. She is a member of Knox Church. Her daughter Jean is one of the Physical Directors at Soochow University in China, and the mother is going there to live. The Chinese women and the Canadian workers presented Mrs. Mark with a beautiful travelling wardrobe box and a fitted travelling case. Mrs. Wong was also presented with a travelling bag, with books and toys for the children. Their going away is a very real loss to the Chinese community in Toronto.

# Books Old and New

By Lereine Ballantyne

FOF Fall rallies and Presbyterial meetings, there are a number of attractive new helps. Delegates go to these meetings, and if they cannot remember all that is said to take back in the report, they can take new literature to their Auxiliary, and get the season off to a good start with plenty of new ideas and enthusiasm. We have never had a better list of helps for Auxiliary programmes.

Literature Secretaries for Presbyterials are urged to prepare their needs early, and order the parcels in plenty of time so they may become acquainted with the books. A list of suggestions, ''Your Table of Books'' for the Literature Secretary is available, and there is no charge.

## New Study Books

THE SEVEN SEAS OF SERVICE is the new study book for Auxiliaries and Young Women's Auxiliaries. This is prepared for two years, with eight chapters for each year, and a complete programme arranged for each study chapter. Supplementary reading helps are listed, and the first part is devoted to a wide study of the Home Mission work of the Society. There is also a chapter devoted to the work of the Eastern Division, which makes the new study book truly of National interest to the women of our Church. Every member should possess a copy, and keep it by her for a guide to the missionary activities. Price per copy 35c. A new leaflet ''Guide for Officers'' is included with each copy purchased.

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR? is the new study book for Girls' Organizations and is packed with suggestions and stories of missionary interest regarding the background of our new Canadians, and our work in making national missions worth while. It is so nicely gotten up that every girl will want a copy to add to her C.G.I.T. programme helps. Price per copy 25c.

SO YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN FOREIGN MISSIONS! A new leaflet by Stanley High, and just the thing to read at this time when we have an extra campaign to help the Church raise its Budget Deficit and Extension Fund. To make this a world worth living in, we must go forward with the missionary movement. Price 5c.

THE NEW CRISES IN THE FAR EAST, the new book by Stanley High, is just off the press, and gives the Eastern situation. Price $1.00.

A GUIDE FOR AUXILIARY OFFICERS is a new free leaflet just off the press. Copies will be available at the Presbyterial meetings, and any member may receive them by applying to her local literature secretary. We believe this leaflet will fill a real need, and are offering a copy with each Auxiliary study book purchased.

A number of new books have arrived, which will be listed in the October number.

## Prayer

ALMIGHTY Father, Thou who hast put the desire to pray into our hearts, hear us as we draw near to Thee at this time and grant our petitions if they be in accordance with Thy will. Bestow upon us the gift of faith that we may bring our perplexities to Thee and receive the assurance of Thy sympathy. Comfort the sad, strengthen the sufferer and bring hope and cheer to the distressed. Make us kindly in thought, gentle in word, generous in deed. Provide for the poor and the aged. Bless every service we render unto Thee. Widen our vision and prosper, we entreat Thee, the special effort Thy people are about to make for the good of the Church and the advancement of Thy kingdom. Especially do we ask Thee to give wisdom to the one who has been called to the high office of President of the W.M.S., and grant that all we do as a Society may be governed and blessed of Thee. Be very near our young missionaries as they journey to their fields of labor. ''Grant Thy grace to those who have assembled in Conference to consider the Empire's common interest, that by working together in true fellowship, prosperity and peace may be established within its borders, and the welfare of all mankind preserved.'' This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## YOUNG WOMEN

### HAVE A TRAVEL CLUB PROGRAMME

HAVE the members plan an imaginary visit to Manchuria.

1. Decide on your route. Let some one look after the passports and get information regarding immigration laws, exchange of money, necessary preparation for travel, this includes clothing, suitable baggage and accessories.

2. Let another member be prepared to tell about points of world interest, historic or natural interest passed on the way.

3. Have a third member tell what you will see when you arrive. The people, how they dress, carry themselves, their occupation, what they eat, their recreation. Do they have movies? Play ball? Describe their homes,

their children and their schools; things of historic interest, their religion and its influence on their personal life and social contacts. Is Christianity superior to their religion? If so, how and why?

4. What have we to give them and who are doing it?

*Plan your programmes for the Winter early and leave plenty of scope for interesting ideas.*

### Arouse Interest by Song

One Missionary Society in Philadelphia has found a very effective way to introduce missionary inspiration in the monthly meeting by clipping poems of missionary interest from missionary publications, typing or mimeographing them and singing them to familiar hymn tunes.

In our new Auxiliary Study Book, a missionary poem entitled "Seven Seas of Service" has been introduced to be used in this way. If this proves of interest, why not try others?

The Thank-offering Hymn (see page 96 of March *Glad Tidings*) will be available in leaflet form for the Thank-offering meetings. Ask for them with your Thank-offering envelopes.

### Dr. Robert E. Speer Says:

"The question is often raised as to whether there is less or more interest in missions now than a generation ago. It is hard to be sure of the accuracy of comparative judgments but my impression would be that there is vastly greater interest now than then. It is true that women have a far wider range of activities to-day and those activities absorb energies that forty years ago might have gone into the missionary society. It is true also that men have economic and political contacts with other nations now which exhaust their concern for other peoples. But when these and many other facts have been allowed for, it remains true, as I believe, that there is far more knowledge of foreign missions in and out of the churches to-day than there used to be and far more interest and support."

If this is true, why have we not more intense interest shown?

### Suggested Helps for Fall Programmes—Discussions and Debates

*(Continued from July-August Number)*

1. Is our community a friendly place for the representatives of various nationalities that live here?
2. How would people of other races and nationalities be likely to answer that?
3. Are there church opportunities for people of all races in this community, either in separate churches or through hospitable attitudes that welcome all sorts of people in one church?
4. In what ways am I interpreting Christianity to the foreigners whom I know?
5. Is the Woman's Movement in India a bane or a boon?

6. Has Christianity played any part in that awakening?
7. What is likely to happen to civilization if this new movement is not Christianized?
8. What are modern college students in China doing for their own country?

If questions like the above are to be thrown open for general discussion, it is well to prime several people beforehand to lead out in the arguments or topics.

# GIRLS AND LEADERS

### STARTING A NEW SEASON!

MENTION was made in the August number of *The Presbyterian Record* of an offer to the Church of the Gordon homestead in Prince Edward Island, the house and 300 feet of land in every direction to be held as a memorial to the honored missionary sons who went to the New Hebrides, the one in 1857 and the other in 1864. Read about the Gordon brothers on page 9 of your new study book, ''Who Is My Neighbour?'' by Mrs. Lereine Ballantyne. Having become familiar with their story, you will realize why assurance was given by the General Assembly ''of the deep interest of the whole Church in finding ways and means to accomplish such a worthy object.''

However, as you plan your year's programme, based on the interesting, new study book, you will find that every province has its missionary heroes and heroines and its historic homes, some of them even now in the making. Throughout the coming winter, the opportunity is yours to travel across Canada and visit these places of interest. On your journey, new friendships will be formed as well; and by these contacts with girls, differing in traditions, customs and opportunities, your own lives will be enriched.

Various leaders may have their ideas about starting the new season, but here is a suggestion which might be tried. Call it a Newcomers' Party and invite the members of your group to come representing immigrants from certain countries which have played their part in the colonization of Canada. The girls must be able to tell something about the country represented, show examples of handicraft, or illustrate by music, legend or folkdance the art of the people. The idea of the first day ashore might be further carried out by making the guests enter the room by means of a gang plank, running the gamut of custom inspection, changing of currency and finally dispensing of refreshments in the form of box luncheons or a station lunch counter.

Take pains that the concluding service of worship expresses the idea of brotherhood and the assurance of God's protecting love and care.

**Project:** Map of Canada, either made or procured, upon which tiny flags or colored stars may indicate the homes of pioneer missionaries, school residences, hospitals and other centres of missionary activity. Select a definite color for each type of work.

Attention is drawn gladly to the new Leader's Book which has been prepared by the National Girls' Work Board and published recently by the National Girls' Work Board of the Religious Education Council of Canada. This book may be secured for $1.00.

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One ship drives east and another drives west,
While the self-same breezes blow;
It's the set of the sails and not the gales
That bids them where to go.

Like the winds of the sea are the ways of the fates,
As we voyage along through life;
It's the set of the soul that decides the goal
And not the storms or strife.

—*Maltbie Babcock*

## "RESTS"

*THERE is no music in a rest, but there is the making of music in it. In our whole life-melody the music is broken off here and there by 'rests,' and we foolishly think we have come to the end of the tune. God sends a time of forced leisure, sickness, disappointed plans, frustrated efforts, and makes a sudden pause in the choral hymns of our lives; and we lament that our voices must be silent, and our part missing in the music which ever goes up to the ear of the Creator. How does the musician read the 'rest'? See him beat the time with unvarying count, and catch up the next note true and steady, as if no breaking place had come between.*

*"Not without design does God write the music of our lives. Be it ours to learn the tune, and not be dismayed at the 'rests.' They are not to be slurred over, not to be omitted, not to destroy the melody, not to change the keynote. If we look up, God Himself will beat the time for us. With the eye on Him, we shall strike the next note full and clear. If we sadly say to ourselves, 'There is no music in a "rest,"' let us not forget 'there is the making of music in it.' The making of music is often a slow and painful process in this life. How patiently God works to teach us! How long He waits for us to learn the lesson!"*
*—Toronto Globe.*

### WANTED

A teacher for the Girls' High School, New Amsterdam, Berbice, British Guiana. She must be a University graduate with Normal or Faculty training. All applications should be sent to the Candidates Secretary, Mrs. D. Inglis Grant, 1 Clarendon Crescent, Toronto, Ontario.

# MISSION BANDS

## A LETTER FROM THE NEW SECRETARY

*Dear Leaders and Mission Banders:*

HERE we are starting a new season together. I wonder how you have enjoyed the first half of the Study Book, ''Big Ships and Little People.'' Now there is the second part of it, all about the noble band of pioneers who blazed the trails we are now following in mission work.

How I should love to see you all, and follow your programmes, so perhaps you will tell me in your letters of the things you do that are most interesting this year.

We are starting off on one of the best years we have ever had. There is so much of interest that our Society is doing.

We are counting on the Mission Bands to keep the Missionary Bells ringing. By the way, how many Bands, know that song at the beginning of the Study Book? It is one of the prettiest of our Mission Band selections. If every Band would sing it with all their might, then Bells would indeed ring gladly around the world.

Let our aim this season be ''A new member every meeting'', jolly programmes, and let us learn the joy of giving freely. God multiplies the pennies that are given with a heart eager to help others.

Now while we are little,
Pennies are our store,
But when we are older,
Lord, we'll give thee more.

I hope you all have a wonderful time this fall, and I shall look forward to getting better acquainted with all of you.

Yours sincerely,
*Ethel M. Adamson.*

## FLOWERS

My mother told me not to touch.
I wonder if she thought I'm such
A little boy I wouldn't know
It hurts the flow'rs to pick them? So
I'll take a smell and go away
And p'r'aps forget them in my play.
—*Margaret Clarke Russell.*

# PROVINCIAL NEWS

## ALBERTA

MRS. R. J. CHRYSTAL, CARSTAIRS, PRESS SECRETARY

CALGARY P.S. Executive held their meeting in Grace Church, Calgary. Very encouraging reports were received from all Secretaries. Two splendid papers were prepared and read, one on ''The First Christian Church,'' by Mrs. T. J. Noble, the other on ''Mary Slessor''.

Mrs. Craig was the speaker at the May meeting of Grace Church Auxiliary. Her address dealt with a few of her personal experiences during her work in India.

The W.M.S. of Knox Church at their Thank-offering, had as their speaker, the Rev. T. A. Rodgers who took as the subject of his address, ''The Missionary in the Bible.'' The offering amounted to $56.00. The ''Burning Bush'' Mission Band of this Church also enjoyed a talk from Mrs. Craig. She told the children that the Presbyterian Church is in the forefront in missionary work and dwelt on the good done in India by the children of the missionaries. The children decided to give the offering of the next meeting to the ''M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home'', Amkhut. At the close of the meeting bead necklaces made by the children were displayed.

The C.G.I.T. of St. Andrew's Church report a highly successful mother and daughter banquet. The tables were prettily decorated in blue and white streamers, tall white tapers softly lighted the room. One of the girls acted as chairman, another was toastmistress. The toast to the church was responded to by the minister, and that to the boys, by a representative of the Boys' Club. That to the mothers was answered by the mother of one of the girls. Mrs. F. W. Allott, Provincial President, gave an inspiring talk to the mothers and daughters. The girls of the ''True Blue'' Groups put on a short play ,''Bringing the Picnic to the Shut-ins.'' The ''Busy Bee'' Groups sang ''My Mother.'' The Excelsior Groups presented a pageant ''The Gate to Womanhood,'' this was followed by the candle lighting service in which each mother and daughter took part. During the lighting of the candles Miss Jessie Hadden sang softly, ''My Mother's Prayer Has Followed Me.'' The service was brought to a close with singing ''O Master Let Me Walk With Thee'' and taps.

**Red Deer P.S.** Executive met at Olds in May. Due to the absence of Mrs. Jack, through illness, Mrs. Menzies read a most excellent report of the Provincial meeting at Calgary. Other reports were read and items of interest considered.

''Silver Star'' Mission Band, Innisfail, has been re-organized with a membership of 14. Each member is striving to have a definite piece of supply work done by the end of June as well as to have a yard of pennies collected.

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## BRITISH COLUMBIA

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JULY and August are vacation months for all branches of the W.M.S. Consequently very few items of interest are sent in for publication.

Reports tell of Mission Band picnics and closing exercises from several places. One of particular interest was held in Central Church, Vancouver. Under the leadership of Miss Ruth Yeandle, songs were sung in Chinese by members of the Chinese Mission Band of the Chinese Presbyterian Church, Keefer Street. Mrs. J. A. McPherson, President of Central Church W.M.S., and Mrs. Angus McKenzie, Presbyterial Mission Band Secretary, spoke briefly. The exercises comprised a programme of plays, acrostics, group songs, recitations and piano solos.

The members of Fairview Auxiliary were fortunate to have Mrs. Chas. Young, one of our missionaries from Central India, address their July meeting.

September 6th and 7th have been chosen as the dates for the Kamloops-Okanagan full Executive and Presbyterial, which will be held in St. Andrew's Church, Penticton.

Summer camps for girls were held in a number of places in the province, with a good attendance and interesting programmes.

Victoria Presbyterial is glad to report three new Mission Bands. At Nanaimo they meet twice a month, study the Mission Band book and are doing supply work. The ''Willing Workers'' at Sooke meet every Wednesday afternoon for study and work. The ''Busy Bees'' at Erskine Church, Victoria, promise to live up to their name. The older Bands in the city and the flourishing one at Port Alberni are all at work, and excellent reports are anticipated at next annual meeting. At a recent meeting of the ''Marion McRae'' Band, St. Paul's Church, Victoria, two Junior Memberships were presented, the donor being Mrs. McRae, for whom the Band is named. The ''Goforth'' Band of St. Andrew's Church entertained parents and friends at their June meeting with a programme of music and a missionary playlet. The display of work was notable. The W.M.S. served ice cream and cake. A welcome day programme for cradle roll babies and their mothers was given at the Gorge Church, Victoria, with the Mission Band President in the chair. Songs were contributed by Mission Band and C.G.I.T. Members of the latter served refreshments.

A suggestion at the beginning of the year that a resumé of the proceedings at the monthly meetings of the Presbyterial be sent to outlying districts has been carried out by the Secretary and has proved to be a helpful feature.

The value of the Exchange Department was exemplified at St. Andrew's June meeting, when a paper of unusual merit on Formosa, obtained through the Vancouver Exchange Secretary, was read by Mrs. J. P. Dempsey.

Interesting letters from Dr. and Mrs. Goforth, which are going the rounds of the Societies, are greatly appreciated.

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BRANDON P.S.—The 18th annual meeting was held June 2nd in St. Andrew's Church and was exceptionally well attended. Following the President's inspiring address an impressive memorial service was led by Mrs. Shewan in memory of our late Honorary President, Mrs. Wellwood, and our President, Mrs. J. A. McDonald, and all others in our Presbyterial who have passed away during the year.

The reports were all very gratifying and, in many cases, showed an increase. Mrs. R. W. McGee brought greetings from the Provincial and gave an interesting review of our work. Greetings from Winnipeg and Superior were also read. The three departments specially emphasized were: Supply, Mission Band, Y.W.A. In connection with the Supply Department, Mrs. Currie, of Birtle, spoke on the Indian and the influence of a residential school, and Miss Buckley gave a fine report of the work she is doing on the Rolling River Reserve. The Mission Band, of First Church, gave a clever demonstration of a regular meeting. There was a wonderful display of Mission Band work. Rev. H. M. Coulter spoke on ''How to Interest Boys in Mission Band'' and exhibited work done by his boys. The young women, of Neepawa, gave a demonstration of a Y.W.A. meeting, and Mrs. Coulter, Neepawa, spoke to the girls on the lives of two girls with dreams of service for others and the great blessing they brought to mankind. Mrs. White gave the closing words.

**Superior P.S.**—Mrs. Hutchison, Provincial President, gave a very complete report of the Enlarged Council Executive, at the June meeting.

Sunbeam Mission Band, St. Andrew's Church, Fort William, entertained their mothers at their June meeting. The Superintendent, Mrs. D. Walker, presented Mission Band pins to 24 girls for perfect attendance.

**Winnipeg P.S.**—The W.M.S. of Calvin Church, Weston, entertained ''The Girls' Friendly Club.'' Thirteen girls were present, also many ladies of the congregation. After a short service the evening was spent in games. At the Thank-offering of this Auxiliary addresses were given by Mrs. Hutchison, Mrs. Flook and Mrs. Kee. A musicale was given by the Mission Band children. The offering amounted to $10.75.

Kildonan Church Mission Band held a Silver Tea in Nisbet Hall, on behalf of its allocation, and was much cheered by the result. A beautiful missionary play was given by the members, and suitable addresses were made by Mrs. W. S. Smith, Weston, and Mrs. S. Flook.

Gonor Mission had as speaker on Mother's Day, Mrs. Hutchison, who gave an earnest address on bringing up children and training them in the fear of the Lord. A number of English and Ukrainian mothers were present and were much impressed. Miss Todd, deaconess in Winnipeg, spoke to the young women on helping their mothers. The senior girls read papers appropriate to Mother's Day. The Scripture portions were read by a boy and girl.

### The ''Golden Links'' Mission Band, Elmwood

''What game shall we play?'' asks the leader, occasionally, and from 35 voices comes the one word— ''Furlough.'' Why? Because in this game every child adopts the name of a missionary, and what an air of importance tiny Margaret has when she imagines herself to be Miss McConnell, in India. This is a lively Band, and the leaders pray that some day, not in imagination, but in reality, some of these children will go forth carrying the ''good news'' to those who know it not.

### Overseas Girls' Friendly Club

''My sister enjoyed the meeting so much that I wanted to come,'' so said a new member of the Overseas Girls' Friendly Club, whose sister had come for the first time the previous week. No name could be more suitable than the one which this Club has, for here a genuine spirit of friendship exists, and no girl is a stranger after she enters the parlor of First Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg, where we meet every Thursday evening. A new link has been formed between the Montreal and Winnipeg Clubs, each in turn sending a letter of greeting and information concerning activities to the other.

## ONTARIO

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ALGOMA P.S. Executive met in Sault Ste. Marie in June.

**Barrie P.S.**—Orillia Auxiliary observed their 46th anniversary in July, many former officers attending. Mrs. D. S. Thompson was honored for faithful service as hospital visitor. Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy, R.N., missionary designate to India, addressed Auxiliaries at Meaford, Duntroon and Collingwood. Miss Jean Cowan, Mrs. C. Maitland and Miss MacMurchy were speakers at a Mother and Daughter banquet in Collingwood. Victoria Harbor Auxiliary honored a charter member, Mrs. J. C. Gill.

**Brockville P.S.** annual meeting was held in Winchester, May 11th, with satisfactory departmental reports. The Service of Remembrance was in charge of Mrs. C. E. Brownell. Speakers,—Mrs. C. H. Thorburn, Miss Laura Pelton.

**Bruce and Owen Sound P.S.**—Large attendance marked the annual meeting held at Chesley in May. Reports showed progress. Mrs. McLennan, Provincial President, delivered an address and conducted installation of officers. Dr. A. S. Grant, Toronto, was speaker in the evening.

**Kingston P.S.**—A summer meeting was held at Sunbury, July 6th, 75 delegates attending. Encouraging reports were heard. A paper on the life of Dr. Robertson was read by Mrs. MacInnes, Kingston.

Gananoque Auxiliary, organized 25 years ago by Mrs. Mowat and Miss Machar, Kingston, observed the anniversary on May 18th. Mrs. Duff, Kingston, gave a report of the Provincial annual meeting.

**Lanark and Renfrew P.S.**—Sectional meetings at Renfrew and Elphin, were stimulating with discussions on Home Helpers and how to meet allocations. Speakers were, Mrs. C. S. Bootes, Mrs. E. Ashby, Mrs. N. G. Anderson, Rev. T. McAfee and Rev. H. R. Pickup. A letter from Miss McLean, Kobe, Japan, was read by Miss B. V. McEwan.

At a meeting held at McDonald's Corners, Dr. Margaret O'Hara, LL.D., spoke on the customs and needs of India. Mrs. C. S. Bootes gave an address on Formosa.

**Lindsay P.S.**—The 50th anniversary of the Presbyterial was observed at Uxbridge, June 17th. The programme, conducted by Miss Gould, was devotional and historical. Mrs. W. A. McLennan brought greetings from the Provincial Society. Three charter members present were Mrs. Foster, Mrs. J. Walker and Mrs. McKinnell.

**London P.S.**—While Assembly was in session, a mass meeting of the W.M.S. from the district was held in Chalmers Church, London. Mrs. D. Strachan and Miss MacMurchy brought inspiring messages, and a letter was read from Miss H. MacDonald, deaconess at Pouce Coupe. The Auxiliary of New St. James arranged a drive for the wives of Commissioners, members of W.M.S. Boards and returned missionaries, followed by tea.

**North Bay P.S.** annual meeting was held in Parry Sound in June. Encouraging reports were submitted, with marked increase of membership in junior organizations. The President, Mrs. T. Firth, spoke on ''The Vision of the Field at Home and Abroad.'' The Mission Band presented a pageant, ''Love's candles.'' Mrs. W. A. McLennan was guest speaker.

**Paris P.S.**—A summer conference was held at Innerkip, attended by over 200 delegates. Splendid reports were received. The Supply Department exhibited articles donated by Y.W., C.G.I.T., and M.B. for the bale. Miss H. MacDonald, Pouce Coupe, described her work in the Peace River district, and Mrs. Hawtin spoke of India.

Miss Laura Pelton was speaker at the meeting of St. Paul's Church Auxiliary, Simcoe, with many members present from Port Dover.

**Peterborough P.S.**—A well-attended biennial meeting was held in Campbellford on Saturday, June 11th, thus enabling teachers and girls to attend. Conferences and discussions were helpful. Rev. Dr. A. T. Barr, Peterborough, and Mrs. D. Ewart gave addresses.

**Stratford P.S.**—At the annual supper of St. Andrew's Church Mission Band, Stratford, there were presented three first year Junior Life Memberships, and two second year, for those providing the best programmes during the year, and a prize for attendance. These were given by the senior Auxiliaries, many members of which were present.

**Toronto P.S.**—Sectional meetings, held in 6 rural sections, in June, were well attended. Picture charts were used to illustrate departmental actitvities. Speakers were Mrs. J. G. Inkster, members of W.M.S. Boards, Rev. M. Zeidman, Mr. A. Hawtin, India, and Rev. D. Kennedy.

Strange Auxiliary celebrated their 40th anniversary with Miss MacMurchy, W.M.S. President, as guest. The birthday cake was cut by Miss Tinline, a charter member. Long-handled collection boxes of forty years ago were again used.

## QUEBEC

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### Chinese Kindergarten Closing

THE closing exercises of the Montreal Chinese kindergarten, were held in the Y.M.C.I. on June 24th. Thirty mothers, accompanied by older and younger brothers and sisters, as well as many Canadian friends, were present, and followed the programme with keenest interest. Twice, the remark was heard, that the entertainment was the finest the children had ever provided. The platform was gay with beautiful flowers, presented by various children to each of their teachers. Mr. A. M. Nairn, their faithful friend, acted as chairman for the little ones.

After the opening hymn, and the Beatitudes, repeated in Chinese by the school, Rev. Mr. Shiu led in prayer. Greetings from Montreal Presbytery were brought by Rev. C. S. Miller, Rosemount. Rev. David Scott, Knox-Crescent Church, interested the children greatly, with the story of how the firefly got his light. Mrs. J. G. Potter brought greetings from the Quebec Provincial. Little Douglas Lee, the girls of the C.G.I.T. Group, and the Helping Hand Club, also assisted with the programme.

The children's numbers consisted of songs and exercises. Two or three of the tiny tots took stage fright, but one of them bravely mounted the platform and sang through the first number, with tears rolling down his face. However, the happy faces of the audience reassured him, and he went through the rest of the programme with real enjoyment. The doll drill by ten little girls, and fancy marching by the older pupils, dressed as characters from Mother Goose, were especially well rendered.

Miss Dickson made a few remarks and announced that 14 children were going on to public school in the autumn, and that there had been an enrolment of 36 during the year.

Prizes for the year's work were presented by Mrs. Pae, Presbyterial President, who spoke of the warm interest taken by the W.M.S. in the work of the School. In addition to the special awards, a New Testament was presented to each of the graduating pupils. These, and the other gifts, were made possible through the generosity of the Presbyterial, and individual friends.

**Boys by the yard**
Chinese Kindergarten, Montreal, Miss Dickson (right), Miss McEwan (left)

The singing of the National Anthem in English and Chinese, was followed by refreshments. So closed another chapter in the history of the Montreal kindergarten.

Much of the credit for the success of the programme is due to the careful training of the children by Mrs. Herman, and to Miss Jue, who presided at the piano. These two teachers also conducted a Vacation Bible School, for two days of each week during July.

**Quebec P.S.** semi-annual meeting was held in the Presbyterian Church, Scotstown, June 28th. There was a record attendance of delegates and members. Mrs. W. R. Price presided. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting in June and the semi-annual in February.

The Treasurer's financial statement showed a most satisfactory increase. Departmental reports depicted the progress made in the past seven years. A brief report of the General Assembly was given by Rev. J. R. Graham. Music by the C.G.I.T. and a native of Sweden was appreciated. Mrs. J. McKelvie gave an interesting account of the annual Provincial meeting.

This was followed by an inspiring address on ''Why We Have Missionary Work'' by Mrs. A. W. Pae, President of Montreal Presbyterial. Brief remarks by Rev. J. R. Gilmour and the benediction by Rev. D. Flint closed the session.

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## SASKATCHEWAN

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PRINCE ALBERT P.S—The ''James Nesbit'' Auxiliary held a most interesting meeting at the home of Mrs. William Kirkby, Clouston. Before her marriage, Mrs. Kirkby was associated with Miss Lucy Baker in her work and, being a friend, has some relics including Miss Baker's organ, James Nesbit's first pulpit and several pieces of fine china and linen of Miss Baker's. These the ladies found very interesting. Mrs. Kirkby delighted those present with a thrilling account of pioneer days of mission work among the Indians of the Northwest. She also addressed the C.G.I.T. Groups and expressed appreciation of the platform decorations of evergreens and tepee. This arrangement was in honor of Mrs. Kirkby's pioneer work.

The ''Cameron'' Mission Band, St. James Church, Melfort, held an interesting Thank-offering meeting. The church was well filled with a very appreciative audience. Following a short devotional meeting, a programme consisting of playettes, recitations and songs was given, every boy and girl of the forty members taking part.

**Regina P.S.**—Mrs. J. A. Sinclair was the speaker at the June meeting of First Church, Regina. At the opening of the session the members stood for a few minutes in silent loving tribute to the precious memory of one of their members, the late Mrs. A. G. Farrell. Mrs. Farrell had been pianist for the Auxiliary since 1925 and was ever a faithful, helpful member.

The mite-boxes of the ''Sunbeam'' Mission Band of First Church, Regina, were opened at the June meeting. After the pennies were counted the leaders treated the children to a tea party.

Miss Lily Macarthur, deaconess-at-large in Regina, left on furlough June 20th, and Miss Evelyn Forsythe, Swift Current, has taken over her work until her return. Friends from Northside Presbyterian Church, Eastview Sunday School and First Presbyterian Church, met in the club room of First Church on the evening of June 14th to bid Miss Macarthur Godspeed on her trip to Europe and, at the same time, to welcome Miss Forsythe. Rev. S. Farley spoke in appreciation of the work which Miss Macarthur has done and Mrs. John Shaw, on behalf of those present, presented Miss Macarthur with a substantial gift of money. The girls of the C.G.I.T. Groups on the same occasion gave Miss Macarthur a shower of handkerchiefs. Miss Macarthur made a fitting reply.

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*June 30th, 1932*

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| A Friend, "Portable organ for Miss Jenkinson" | 67.50 |
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| Interest | 334.22 |
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| Manitoba | 150.00 |
| British Columbia | 180.00 |
| Ontario | 7,560.00 |
| Quebec | 1,750.00 |
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| South Porcupine Hospital | $ 250.00 |
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| Canora Hospital | 583.32 |
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| Chinese in Canada | 985.07 |
| "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian School | 726.66 |
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| Lantern Slides | 8.60 |
| Publications | 635.53 |
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| Pensions | 91.66 |
| Deputation | 58.85 |
| Student | 35.00 |
| Council Expense | 89.00 |
| New Missionaries | 468.76 |
| Exchange | 1,748.67 |
| Education of Chinese Student | 62.00 |
| Half yearly fees to School of Missions | 300.00 |
| Grant to Deaconess Home | 100.00 |
| Grant to Knox College | 100.00 |
| Foreign Missions Conference of North America | 150.00 |
| Formosa | 4,598.04 |
| India, Bhil | 2,843.58 |
| India, Gwalior | 2,274.25 |
| South China | 95.83 |
| Japan | 1,595.00 |
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# The Glad Tidings

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## Editorial Notes

THIS number of *Glad Tidings is* devoted almost entirely to our splendid Welcome and Welfare and Deaconess work. In order that a story from each worker appear, we have had to abridge or withhold editorial notes, general articles and some Provincial news.

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THE 1931 Annual Report is off the press. It is a nice looking book and is larger than last year. It is brimful of information and if we are to justify the expense incurred in printing it, the officers must see that it is circulated among the members and that certain meetings are devoted to its study.

The allocation is as follows: 3 to each Auxiliary, Young Women's Auxiliary and Junior Auxiliary; 1 to each Associate Society; 1 for the use of the different Girls' Organizations in each Church; 1 for each Mission Band. Copies also go to the officers of the Council Executive, Provincial and Presbyterial Boards and all missionaries. Should any copies be left after the allocation has been met they may be obtained at our Publications Office at 25c. each. Kindly notify the Editor, Miss Fraser, of the arrival or non-arrival of Reports.

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### New Outgoing Missionaries Under the W.M.S.

**To Formosa.**—Miss Phyllis Argall, M.A., teacher; Miss Mary E. MacVey, teacher. Sailed, *Empress of Canada,* August 27th.

**To India.**—Gwalior Mission, Jhansi: Miss Elizabeth Hope Thurrott, M.D., evangelistic medical Missionary, sailed, *Majestic,* August 20th; Miss Eleanor McKechnie, R.N., Tisdale, Sask., sailed *Duchess of Richmond,* Sept. 16th.

**Bhil Field.**—Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy, R.N.; Miss Iris M. Errey, R.N., Galt, missionary nurses. Sailed *Duchess of Richmond,* Sept. 16th.

### Returning After Furlough

**To India.**—Bhil Field.—Miss C. Maxwell, sailed *Majestic,* Aug. 20th.

### W.M.S. Missionaries on Furlough

**South China.**—Miss Jessie MacBean, M.D., of Canton.

**Formosa.**—Miss Ada E. Adams, of Taihoku.

**India.**—Miss Irene Stringer and Miss A. Whatling, Jhansi.

### Church Missionaries Returning After Furlough

**To India.**—Gwalior Mission, Jhansi.—Mr. and Mrs. A. Hawtin. Sailed *Duchess of Richmond,* September 16th.

# The Training of Deaconesses

## ITS ORIGIN, INFLUENCE AND SCOPE

Mrs. C. W. McMullen

THE training of deaconesses had its beginning in 1897, when the Ewart Training Home was opened in Toronto, to meet the needs of young women desiring training as foreign missionaries. This home was supported by the Women's Foreign Missionary Society and was under the joint management of that Society and the Foreign Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

In 1907, the Presbytery of Winnipeg and the Synod of Manitoba overtured the General Assembly asking it "to take steps to set apart an order of women known as deaconesses, who shall serve the Church as nurses, visitors, dispensers of charity and in any other way that may prove to be desirable." At the same time, the Presbytery of Toronto presented an overture asking the Assembly "to express approval of the changing of the constitution of the Ewart Training Home with a view to broadening its scope and its support and to approve at the same time of some method by which graduates may be specially designated by the Church when entering their work." In 1908, by authority of the General Assembly, the scope of the Ewart Training Home was enlarged to include the training of the newly instituted Order of Deaconesses. From its inception until the year 1927 the School has been domiciled respectively in Church Street, Charles Street, Grosvenor Street, Bedford Road, until 1927 when, subsequent to the decision of the Commission appointed to distribute Church properties by which the Grosvenor Street Residence was given to the United Church, a permanent location for the prosecution of the work was secured at 156 St. George Street. Through the years the staff of Knox College, and individual lecturers and supervisors have given generously of their services. The course is designed on three broad requirements: (a) spiritual experience and Scriptural knowledge; (b) Practical Christian social service; (c) personal development and familiarity with the methods of Church work.

The Board of Managers of the Home, consisting of ministers, laymen, and representatives of the Women's Missionary Societies of the Church, was appointed by the Assembly and charged also with the responsibility for oversight of deaconess work.

Miss Winifred Ferguson was appointed Principal in 1927 and continues as such. Appreciation is hereby recorded of the very high type of service rendered the Church by Miss Ferguson, in meeting the ever widening fields of opportunity, whether in loving care of those resident in the Home, in devotion to our W.M.S., or placing the facilities of the Home at the disposal of the Church at large on many occasions. Deaconess work is still increasing in importance and will continue to do so as the sphere of the work of trained women in the Church is more and more acknowledged.

At the present time the W.M.S. has on its staff 16 specially trained permanent workers, and one part-time worker, 3 others were engaged during the summer months. These workers are scattered throughout the Dominion and touch the life of the Church from coast to coast and from the congested areas of the great cities to the lonely outpost stations of the west and north. Foreign, Jewish, Hospital, Welcome and Welfare, Home Mission and Pioneer work is carried on in our own land. Others chose the foreign field and as teachers, nurses, doctors, or evangelical missionaries, give their life and talents to the Master's service. There is one force the influence of which can never be estimated, that of the consecrated personal touch which we all value so highly.

In these days more than in the days of prosperity we come in contact with many hungry, disappointed and discouraged hearts, who long for true friendship and understanding, and for that word of cheer which often gives courage and hope to those ready to give up. This is a work peculiarly suited to women, and we ask your earnest prayers that our deaconesses may be sustained in their faithful labors, as they meet the many problems of the trying days in the coming winter.

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# Gonor Mission

### A running comment on the origin and progress of the Mission during the twelve years it has been in existence.

Mrs. Mary MacKenzie

MY sister and I came here in 1917 from the Hurricane Hills Mission in Saskatchewan. We connected ourselves with Knox Church, Selkirk, and helped along in a small way the activities of that congregation. Living on the east side of the Red River, we were brought in daily contact with people old and young of different nationalities. There were the old Canadian stock, as well as people from Central Europe, Poles, Ukrainians, Ruthenians, Roumanians and Jews. The Canadian neighbors were Protestants and adherents of Little Britain Presbyterian Church. The others were either nominally Roman or Greek Catholic, a few adhered to the Independent Greek Church, and one such informed me that his minister was a ''Presbyterian Priest.'' There were churches in plenty but no resident priests, and only occasional services. It seemed to me that the Lord's Day, instead of being a Holy Day, was more of a big ''holiday.''

I had intended to take a good rest and return again to Indian work, but nothing in that line offered, and so I began to wonder if the Lord had need of me just where He had led me. The urge to get busy became so insistent, that after three years, on Good Friday in the year 1920, I invited our near neighbors (mostly Canadians) and their children, to come to our bungalow home, one-half mile in the bush, from the main highway, to see slides on the life of our Lord. Most of the mothers and their children came, and at the close of the meeting I told them I had in view opening up a Sunday School, and asked if they favored such an idea. They were unanimously in favor, as they said the crossing of the Red River to Little Britain made attendance there dangerous and so on. So we opened on the following Sunday at two p.m., with 15 pupils. I had met a Polish woman and told her of my wish and she, a Catholic, the daughter of a father who had been organist in a Catholic Cathedral in Poland, and whose husband was a Greek orthodox adherent, sent several of her children. She told me, ''I come too, all one Bible, one heaven, one God, one Jesus.''

That first Sunday I explained to the children that my aim was so to teach them stories from God's Holy Book, that they would get to know all about Jesus, and learn to love and trust Him, and to sing hymns in His praise. I said that if they wanted to have many in the Sunday School they must be the recruiters, and my sister promised to give free lessons on the piano, to the one who would bring the greatest number of scholars during the first quarter.

Girls encamped at Gonor this summer. The camp grandmother, Mrs. Mackenzie, is in the second row.

We very soon had an enrolment of 40 and still new ones were added. When the winter came we opened up a meeting at 7 p.m., by request, for the boys and girls of 'teen-age and over, who thought themselves too advanced to meet with ''kids.'' These only came, however, when there was no party or dance to attract, and when the tourist season opened up, and the crowds began to come out to Lockport Bridge I saw them no more, but the young ones remained and came along in sun or shade, in rain or snow—they continued.

In the summer of 1921, I opened up in Kitchener School, with some 15 scholars there at 11 a.m., thus giving up our morning service at Knox

Church, and next year after intervals of preparatory work for old and young, I opened up at the large four-roomed school of Gonor. I had put on the slides of the life of John Bunyan, and had crowded audiences, but in a district where I might have enrolled 200, I was only able to gather in some 30, and these were three-quarters new Canadians and Catholics, and neither in discipline nor attendance were they satisfactory. However, I kept on until 1925 when, with the help of the W.M.S. we secured a lot and got a hall erected mid-way between Kitchener and Gonor, and this became the centre, and all the families interested met there for Sunday School at 11 a.m., and for a public service at 7 p.m. That left my afternoons free.

In 1926, I opened a Sunday School at Ashfield, which I still keep every summer. Ashfield is away from the main highway, to the city, 6 miles east. There are 6 Scotch families there who value the services. Once a month there is a service for the adult population, and I have been favored by getting consecrated able speakers, mostly laymen, from the city for these services. The new Canadian people, almost to a unit, have taken up with the Russellite cult, but that is a passing delusion, I trust.

Last summer, though the original central hall had been enlarged, it had again become too small to admit of classes being taught efficiently, and by the help of the W.M.S. and a few interested friends, a fine building was erected one-half mile north of the Hall, and was finished, decorated, furnished and opened on the 3rd of September, 1930, by Mrs. H. A. Robson, Provincial President of the W.M.S., and dedicated at the same time to the service of God, in an unforgettable ceremony conducted by the Presbytery of Winnipeg. In the belfry is a bell, costing $52.00 and donated by the women of Knox-Crescent Church, Montreal. A stained glass window of equal value, with the bell, bespeaks the good will of the Synodical Missionary and the Sunday School scholars. The total cost of the building, including bell, window, furnace, painting and furnishing, was $2,125.75. The grant from the W.M.S. Council totalled in all $1,557. The remaining $568.75 was met by liberal gifts from Mrs. Francis, Indian Head, Sask.; the Lieut.-Governor of British Columbia, and other friends near and far, so that there is no indebtedness, and it has added much to the comfortable feeling that has been ours to know that we have such a Church home, adequate for all our activities, and owe no man anything, but the debt of love which we never can repay.

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# East Selkirk

## A Brief Story of the Establishment and Growth of the Mission

Miss Dorothy Jenkinson

UNDER the guidance of the W.M.S., and in response to earnest prayer by many Christian friends, the work at East Selkirk has gone forward. Mrs. MacKenzie, of Gonor, in the early days of the Mission, was a tower of strength. It was in those days of new climatic, new social and poor living conditions that one needed encouragement, greater vision, and faith, and all those who helped, and there have been many, have a share now in an established work for Christ in this field.

Work was begun with a feeling of uncertainty, for 3 Catholic churches and an International Bible Student group were already on the field. The one encouragement to a new worker was the very apparent lack of cooperation or community spirit, and the seeming lack of knowledge of the gospel. Surely there was a Divine purpose in the coming of another messenger to a village already so well supplied. Realizing that only the strength and power of prayer could bring the Spirit of God into our midst, we not only sought by individual prayer, but the prayerful interest of our friends that the seed sown here might take root. How much those prayers have been blessed we shall never know, but we do know they have borne fruit for we have practical proof of interest and sacrifice in the new Church.

We tried every kind of organization and every type of entertainment in the hope of bringing the people together that we might not only learn to know each other but learn the greater lesson of love. From a financial standpoint our efforts were always successful. Sales of work, garden parties, concerts, and Christmas entertainments were free, and a source of delight to both children and parents. Notwithstanding all this, the discouragements of the first two years were many. One only kept a group of children a short time and then a new group had to be trained. The Mission Band, Girls' Club or Boys' Club, apparently vigorous organizations, seemed to dissolve over night. One wondered if there ever had been a group at all.

Then the idea was born in the mind of a father and myself to erect a very small building in Mayfield district, just to have a place of our own and not have to meet in the school house or municipal building which was not too comfortable for gatherings such as ours. From this tiny seed grew the new Church. We called a meeting of the men of the district, discussed the matter fully and the outcome was that by the next meeting night we had an acre of land donated and all the gravel we needed and as much voluntary labor as we could use. It seemed a good and firm foundation upon which to build and so with the consent and backing of the W.M.S. and Presbytery we began to excavate for our new Church in

October, 1931. It was a big undertaking. Even when work was started we could not fully realize that we were to have a building to declare to all that we are here to teach the gospel and to continue to work for Christ! God was establishing His work.

To tell of the more intimate happenings and the days of building is not possible but I am sure only the Spirit of God, guiding and working in our midst made possible for us the erection of a building, with relations, if anything, more amiable at the completion than in the beginning. Side by side, the men and women, and children too, worked until all was finished and in readiness for the Dedication Service.

The building is 20 x 40 ft. with a 10 x 12 ft. tower. It is divided on the main floor at the rear, leaving a 10 ft. wide kitchen. The Church proper is 20 x 30 ft. The front porch is 10 x 12 ft. and from it steps decend to the basement and the stairs to the living quarters of the resident missionary go up. There are 3 rooms upstairs, a small tower room, used as a church office, store room (centre) which has no windows and a long room used as bed and living room for the leader. It is a very complete little building, has a full sized basement and is heated by a hot air furnace. There have been times during the three years' work on the field when for weeks at a time your worker was so discouraged that the only prayer that seemed possible was ''keep me faithful—now!'' not tomorrow but ''now'' then, all in a flash just a year ago with the ''summer camp'' came such a sense of encouragement of very present help that things looked different, easier, and see what great things God has done for us.

# East Selkirk Church Dedicated

Miss Dorothy Jenkinson, Deaconess

THE new Church building at East Selkirk, Manitoba, around which has been gathered for some months past, many hopes and prayers, much gladly-given labor and toil, and many blessed evidences of ''the good hand of our God upon us,'' was dedicated on Friday evening, August 19th, by the Presbytery of Winnipeg, in the presence of a congregation that completely filled the beautiful little place.

The Presbytery was represented by Rev. E. H. Lockhart, Rev. David Johnstone, Rev. W. Gordon McLean, Rev. A. T. Mackintosh, Rev. J. Mackie Niven, Rev. E. L. Garvin and Rev. W. M. Mackay, Synodical Missionary. There were also present a number of elders.

Rev. E. L. Garvin, in the name of the Presbytery invited the waiting people to enter the House of God and led the way with other ministers and elders.

The service was in charge of Rev. E. H. Lockhart, Moderator of Presbytery, who uttered the solemn words of dedication. The sermon

First sods turned for the new Church, East Selkirk.

was preached by Rev. W. M. Mackay, who dealt with the importance of Public Worship and stressed the fact that, while all had done their part well, each one in his or her own way had helped to build the Church—no hand but God's had made possible the building now standing and dedicated to the glory and worship of the God, whose we are and whom we serve. It was an inspiring sight to see the reverence and gratitude manifest on the part of all who had joyously come up to the House of God.

The choir of St. James Presbyterian Church rendered several numbers of special music and led the congregation in the service of praise. Greetings from the Women's Missionary Society were conveyed by Mrs. Jas. Hutchison and a telegram was read from Miss MacMurchy, Toronto, President of the W.M.S., bearing the kindest of wishes for both the work and the missionary.

Many lovely and touching gifts formed part of the equipment and spoke of the deep love and devotion of a number of Christians, located at a distance, for the work of Christ in this corner of His vineyard. Among these were: The golden oak pulpit, a gift from St. Andrew's Church, Scarboro; a picture of The Last Supper from Mrs. Paterson, Agincourt; Communion set, from Alexandra Bible Class, Victoria Church, Toronto; five pews from a Winnipeg friend of the East Selkirk Church; Pulpit Bible from the W.M.S. Library Department; bell from D. C. Coleman, Esq., Vice-president of the Canadian Pacific Railway; vase and flowers from Mrs. Herbert Sellers and

Grandma and Grandpa Wallace and 3 grandchildren. Grandpa Wallace has been a faithful helper ever since the work began and he is still busy.

Mrs. A. M. L. Long, Winnipeg. Many other gifts have been received but those mentioned above were in use at the Service of Dedication and the Opening Services on the following Sunday.

The Church was banked with shrubs and ferns and decorated with a profusion of garden flowers.

As one stood at the door, looking in on the assembled congregation, hearing prayers and the voice of praise as well as the preaching of the Word, one's heart overflowed with wonder, love and praise at the wondrous goodness of our God, and His presence became very real and very precious. All praise to His Name for a Church in East Selkirk with a bell, that all may hear the invitation, Sabbath by Sabbath, and come to His House, now set apart for worship, prayer and as a witness to the things which are unseen and eternal.

On Sunday, August 21st, Divine worship was conducted in the newly-dedicated House of God at 11 o'clock in the morning and 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Both services were well attended. Special music was provided by Mr. Garnet Best, tenor, and Mrs. Aynsley, soprano. At the morning service the preacher was Rev. W. M. Mackay and at the afternoon hour, Rev. W. Gordon Maclean of First Church, Winnipeg, was the guest preacher. Friends were present from Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Toronto and other points. Surely August 19th and 21st will long be remembered by the Presbyterian congregation and friends in East Selkirk, Manitoba.

The New Church,
East Selkirk.

## A MOTHER'S PLEA

LIFE is all a-washin' and a-cookin',
There never is no time to think or pray;
I winder what the Lord, who is a-lookin'
On me, is thinkin' of my prayerless day?

The pots and pans take such a lot of scrubbin',
And hungry mouths are achin' to be fed;
The nights are filled with mendin' and with tubbin',
And then I tumble, tired out, into bed.

But, Lord, you know I have no time for prayin',
And understand a hard-worked woman's plea;
For though no lengthy prayers and praise I'm sayin'
I still remember I belong to Thee.

LAVINIA DERWENT.

# The First Communion Service at East Selkirk

A Tribute by Rev. J. M. Niven, Winnipeg

THE opening of the new Church at Mayfield (East Selkirk), has already been reported, but that report might be supplemented with an account of the first Communion service which was held the second Sunday after the opening. The missionary, Miss Jenkinson, has for a long time had much encouragement in working with a group of girls who have become much attached to her and who have given evidence of real conversion. On the opening Sunday, announcement was made that the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper would be dispensed the following Sunday and that on the preceding Friday night there would be a preparatory service at which intending communicants would be received into membership. Rev. J. M. Niven conducted the preparatory service and it was his great joy to interview the girls of the group mentioned. They each one individually made profession of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour and of their love for Him and desire to live Christian lives. These girls form the nucleus of a Communion Roll.

The Sacrament was dispensed on the following Sunday by Mr. Niven, assisted by Rev. E. I. Garvin, the West Selkirk minister; twenty-three communicants being present. It must be very gratifying to Miss Jenkinson that such a creditable Church building has been erected here and so completely equipped from the very start, and that these Dedication Services and the first Communion have passed off so worthily.

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# Sweet Memories While Visiting in the Various Hospitals

Miss Mary Murray, Visitor to the Toronto Hospitals

Miss Mary Murray, W.M.S. Hospital visitor in Toronto, has for eighteen years given herself unsparingly to this work. She has brought messages of comfort to the sick, written to their friends, followed up discharged patients, gathered lonely girls about her in her room and sought to link them with some women's club or Bible class. Her work has taken her into the Detention Homes, the Mercer Reformatory and seven Hospitals, and everywhere she goes her sympathetic interest and counsel is eagerly sought. Previous to entering the service of our W.M.S., Miss Murray was in Africa with Mary Slessor. We welcome to our pages the first and only article from her pen.—Editor.

IT is one of the highest privileges to be allowed to carry the Word of Life, from the God of all comfort, to the suffering ones. Affliction is not joyous but grievous, nevertheless it worketh the peaceable fruits of righteousness, to them who are exercised thereby.

This work brings you into touch with varied needs, cares, anxieties, with suffering borne long before the patient came into the hospital, and fear as to what will be the outcome.

You meet a mother of a large family who has suffered a general break down in the battle to make ends meet. She has had no time to read. The Word of comfort and peace is given to her and it takes a grip. Your visitor sits silently beside her while she unburdens her heart. She has no Church connection, but her children attend a Sunday School near their home. Leaving her a Testament, you pass on to another. She is calling out for her mother, and is still a little under the anæsthetic. I tell her her mother is coming to see her if she has a sleep. ''We'll ask Jesus to put you to sleep.'' She went to sleep and wakened to find her mother at her bedside. She will never forget that answer to prayer.

Another young woman came out to Canada with such hope that she was going to do well. She had an accident, which caused partial paralysis. Now her whole life has to be adjusted. The seed of comfort was sown in her heart and brought forth the peaceable fruit of righteousness. How she enjoyed and fed on the Word of God! Her confession was that it was worth while to have her hopes blighted to know the Lord Himself.

Another young woman, who is gradually slipping away, wants the Psalms read and re-read to her. They bring her such comfort. She gives you the keys of her trunk and asks that you see her laid away and write to her brother that she was cared for by Christian friends. This was done. The trunk with her belongings was sent to Scotland with a picture taken at the grave with a few friends standing by. The letter of appreciation that came from her brother made the service worth while.

Old and homeless women often come into hospital. They have no friends and have got out of touch with the Church and there is nothing but regret for them as they look back over their lives. To them also is given the comfort that comes through prayer and the message of the Word. It is like a drink of water in a dry land when you meet one who has many Church friends, her minister visiting her, friends calling on her and bringing her flowers.

Then there are the many suffering ones, waiting to be taken to the Hospital for Incurables. I follow them up there. Some of the patients in that hospital I have known for eighteen years. And what an uplift they are to one's own heart as they wait for the liberation of their poor, deformed, pain ridden bodies! A few ask ''Why?'' and I point them to the love that bought us, and to the promise ''all things work together for good to them that love God.''

Let me take you to the maternity ward. I have the names of twelve Presbyterians. Nine of these have husbands out of work. Some are finding the burden very heavy and I try to lighten it by sympathy from the Church, through the women of the Church, and the beautiful supplies—such wonderful baby outfits, so beautiful in pink or blue, with three of each garment, powder, soap, face cloth, safety pins and a comforter—with nighties and quilts for the mother—all the gifts of our generous women. Can you picture what it means to these mothers, lying wondering where they were to get clothes for their baby, when I appear with a baby outfit. Anxiety is replaced by joy and peace and gratitude to our Father, for everything is a gift from His hand.

Then there is the little mother who should not be a mother, lacking the comfort of a husband, in hiding for months from her friends. She, too, unburdens her heart as baby clothes are presented. You leave her at the crossroads and, before you leave, her hand is in yours as she promises to trust and not be afraid.

Opportunity to see the narrow and the broad road are given to those who find themselves in the Reformatory. The ''Gideon Band'' places a Bible in every room, and silently the seed is sown. The questions asked your visitor indicate that the Living Word is permeating. This seed sowing is followed by helpful meetings and talks by the different denominations. Representing our Society I work with all social service workers in the different hospitals, and we help each other. I also appreciate the assistance of the doctors, officials, nurses, ministers, deaconesses and all those women who are supporting this work with their prayers.

Hospital visiting is a very great privilege. It is a ministry to those who are ''shut in.'' It may include a letter to mail; a phone message to a mother or deaconess, Bible class teacher or friend; supplying their need from a store; taking the opportunity to enquire whether they have a Testament or gospel, and getting them to promise they will read at least a verse a day. These Testaments and gospels are a gift from the British and Foreign Bible Society and have proved a blessing to many.

A young woman was brought into the hospital. She had been taken ill on the street. I offered her a Testament. ''Oh, I have mother's at home and I would not part with it. You know mother died in Grace Hospital and this Testament was in her parcel with her clothes, and father and I read a chapter together every night.'' I said yes I gave your mother the Testament. She was greatly comforted to know that I had met her mother.

A monk said to a young man, ''I preach to-day between 10 and 12 o'clock, you will accompany me.'' They walked through streets, lanes and byways, speaking a little here and there. On nearing home the young companion said, ''When do you preach?'' The monk's reply, ''I *have* preached as we walked.''

# How Do You Do, Little Newcomer, How Do You Do?

### CANADIAN CHILDREN WELCOME STRANGERS

MISS ROBERTA E. SMITH, PORT WORKER AT QUEBEC

**In May we met 18 ships with 249 Presbyterians,**
**In June we met 19 ships with 232 Presbyterians.**

IN May, I made three visits to the Emigration Hospital, and took fruit and small gifts to Mrs. Thornton and her two small boys. They were detained three weeks, while the six year old recovered from a slight attack of pleurisy. On my first visit, I took some paper dolls and a picture book from our Mission Band supplies. The doll chanced to be a Cowboy, and the sick lad was quite delighted with it, as he plans to be a Cowboy when he is big. Later, I took them fifty cents worth of gifts, and they certainly gave these lonely people a great deal of pleasure. I also visited a young man detained with a sprained foot, which kept him late for his wedding. He needed no help, but appreciated the visit, and was able to call his fiancé and they set the date for one week later.

These two little girls travelled unaccompanied from Scotland. They are seen here with Miss R. Smith, port worker (left), and Miss L. Lloyd, daughter of the Manse, Quebec.

A few of the women have offered me a donation for the Church, and many offer me tips, but I tell them the Church needs their help in the W.M.S. or some such women's organization, and would like to have their children in the Mission Band. They are all grateful for the help I am able to give them, and pleased to be welcomed by the Presbyterian Church, as they first set foot on Canadian soil. ''It certainly feels good,'' said one, ''to be welcomed by our own Church, and to find we are needed here, too.''

The gifts from the Mission Bands, such as picture books, beads, work bags, baby nightgowns, bibs, paper dolls, animals, toys, etc., are happily received. I tell the children about our Mission Bands, and how the children make the gifts, and invite them to become members. I often wish that Mission Band girls and boys could see the happiness their gifts bring to the children of these new Canadians.

I also help those who require food for the journey to buy what they need at the Canteen, and explain Canadian money to them, in their own money values. Then, too, we give magazines to those who wish them for the train journey, and help them on their trains, with baggage and children.

Sometimes we have few or no Presbyterians, and then I help the foreigners with much baggage and many children.

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# A Glimpse at Our Port Work

MISS IRIS E. MUNRO

LET us take an imaginary trip to Quebec and see what the Port Workers of our Church endeavor to do for the newcomers entering through this ''Gateway to Canada.''

To begin with all third class passengers entering Canada for the first time are required to disembark at Quebec. The unaccompanied women and children are the chief concern of the W.M.S. port workers. Why, you ask, do some women wear colored ribbons pinned in their coat lapels? These women are alone, and by this mark a worker can tell to what part of the Dominion they are destined, red stands for the West, blue for Ontario and white for Montreal.

A family of New Canadians en route to Vancouver, B.C.

Before leaving the ship, all passengers must pass the medical and civil examination. When this is completed, they come down a large stairway to the main floor of the building. Here, at the far end of a long row of offices, may be seen a small office, nicely furnished, with a large sign over the doorway, bearing the words ''The Presbyterian Church in Canada.''

Mothers with small children naturally receive first attention and are taken to the nursery, where the little ones are amused with most attractive toys and books while the mothers go with a worker to see about the Customs and the securing of food for the train journey.

When the necessary details have been attended to, the people are then accompanied to the trains for points farther on. Just before the train pulls out, the Church worker appears with a large bag and each child is given a gift. A little foreign child who does not speak our language will be so pleased with even a small picture card, for they all understand the language of kindness.

These trains as well as the boats are met at Montreal by our workers, who assist the passengers in every way. Many may be visitors or returning Canadians, but all appreciate the service offered to them. Elderly ladies seem to be our specialty, and they are so relieved when someone comes to help them. One old lady who arrived in Montreal recently, en route to the west, felt so confused with the excitement of landing. In expressing her thanks she said, ''When I get home to Scotland, I will tell them about the nice Church ladies I met in Montreal.''

In order that these people may be brought into touch with their own Church, the names of Presbyterians are forwarded from Quebec to all parts of Canada, so that, on their arrival at their destination, they may be visited by our Secretaries. In places where we have no Church, a letter is sent to these newcomers, welcoming them and assuring them of our interest in them and offering to send them literature, or, if there be a family, asking for the names and ages of the children. One family, who replied to our letter, had a child who was to have a birthday in a few days. The slip was handed to the local Mission Band and that child received a birthday gift. Several young men at our frontier outposts received reading matter from some of the Auxiliaries and were most appreciative of this service extended to them by their Church.

Only those of us who have lived far from our own kith and kin can realize how lonely one may feel in a large city, or what it means, upon opening the door, to find a friendly visitor there with a welcome on her lips, and an invitation to attend some Church.

Sometimes the worker sees that extra bedding or warm clothing is needed. On one such occasion the mother could scarcely believe that any Church could be so generous to strangers and said ''At home we always worked for foreign missions but it all seemed so far away that I was never really interested. Now I understand just how much foreign missions can mean to those far away.''

We are greatly interested in the young women who have come over to engage in domestic service. An Overseas Girls' Club, formed in Montreal some years ago, has resulted in many warm friendships being formed, and this group has now become associated with the W.M.S., in token of their gratitude to the Society for the benefits they have received. We hope that, in the future, each large city may find access to this avenue of service to our young women.

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*You will find as you look back upon your life that the moments that stand out above everything else are the moments when you have done things in a spirit of love.* —*Henry Drummond.*

# The Work of a Presbyterian Deaconess-at-large

## ITS DISTINCTIVENESS, SCOPE, AND CHALLENGE

Miss M. H. Hugill, Ottawa

THE distinctive name, ''Deaconess-at-large,'' conveys at once to our mind some one free from the duties of a regular deaconess, not in the sense of the escaped convict or lunatic, but free to act beyond the pale of a regular congregation although still under the well-directed control of the Council Executive through the co-operation of their Advisory Board with the local Presbytery or Session in charge of the extension work in hand.

In scope and outlook it is, for the most part, missionary. The Deaconess-at-large is given a field or locality where there is, as yet, no organized work of any kind. After an intensive canvass a few families with Presbyterian leaning may be found but, often, many are located who have no religious inclination, these are to be considered as they are perhaps the most needy from a missionary point of view. Here is the worker's opportunity to ingratiate herself and present her message in such a way as to win good-will and confidence. ''Not I but Christ'' must be always in mind, but one must remember, too, that the visible has a great influence and that the worker is the open-book which is to be read.

In September, 1931, a canvass was made of the Hintonburgh district in Ottawa, where there was no Presbyterian Church. Announcement was made of a new Sunday School and invitations given to children and mothers, the latter to bring the wee tots and themselves remain joining a Bible class. On October 11th, the School became a reality opening under the name of St. Stephen Presbyterian Sunday School, with an initial attendance of 24 which in a short time increased to 65. The School is superintended by the Deaconess assisted by a staff of eight, is now self-sustaining except in the matter of rent which is paid by the Presbytery.

Temporal need makes its appeal and here the worker cooperates with the Social Welfare of the city in bringing cheer and comfort into the lives of those with whom she may come in contact. Picture a family—father, mother, three tots, eldest six, with few comforts, very little fuel and insufficient food and clothing. Then from behind a curtain watch the reception and opening of a parcel of clothing and hear the eager request of the eldest child as he holds up a reefer before his father and asks if he can put it on and go out to show it to Tom and Harry, his little playmates.

Come with me to a home where an invalid sits in her chair all day long. Once she was the busy house-wife, the active church worker, but now, because of her crippled condition she cannot engage in practical activities, but her mind is just as alert as ever, as she tells of past accomplishments and notes with eagerness the progress made in the Church's work.

Were there need for further instances, they might be multiplied but we must pass on now to our third point,—the challenge. What about it, young woman? Choose not the vocation that is lucrative for a mercenary reason, but rather choose that which will bring the commendation of Him who gave His all for womankind.

Be a Mary; sit and learn at His feet.

Be an Esther, fearless before the power of men.

Be a Priscilla steeped in the knowledge and love of the church's work and ready to consecrate yourself to His service.

# Preparing the Children for Leadership

MISS MARGARET M. ALLEN, DEACONESS-AT-LARGE, HAMILTON

WORKING with the children in the Mission Bands, girls in the Auxiliaries, and young men and women of the Young People's Societies and Bible classes, of our Churches, is ever a source of joy and spiritual satisfaction.

I have been long enough in the work now to see the Mission Band children becoming splendid workers in the Auxiliary and Young People's Society, choir, and Sunday School as a result of early training. The great fundamentals of our faith are kept ever before them. The need of a personal Saviour from sin is emphasized. When they come face to face with this great need and give their hearts unreservedly to Him, they become eager to know and serve Him.

The work amongst the Young People and children of our Churches is a missionary one. Until they know Him, the Lord of Glory, as their Lord and Master, they can never be vitally interested. All methods used to influence the young of any age apart from Jesus Christ, ultimately ends in failure. Getting them acquainted with God's Word, His dealings with men of old, stories of Jesus, and missionary tales from our own mission fields, keeps that spark of interest and enthusiasm even in the very youngest hearts. The Holy Spirit breaks small the Bread of Life to the lambs as well as the sheep.

Our children are taught to pray naturally, to express in their own words their thanksgiving, their supplications and petitions. I often think if Dr. and Mrs. Goforth, Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan and Miss Soutar and other missionaries, could hear their names mentioned by the children in prayer, their hearts would be blest. One mother told me her little girl always remembered Miss Soutar in her bed-time prayers because, as the child said, ''She is our Mission Band missionary.'' I have been told many times of real blessing brought into the homes of the children because they had carried the message and the spirit of the meeting with them.

In the Mission Band, two meetings a month are held. The boys and girls alternately take charge of a programme, consisting of reading scripture, solos, duets, reciting, prayer, telling a Bible story, and a missionary story.

To prove that the interest is maintained, I might say that one of the Mission Bands is so large it had to be divided into a junior and senior, over 100 boys and girls attending. But the most encouraging feature is that the older boys of fourteen and fifteen years of age are coming regularly.

The same method is applied in the Young Women's Auxiliary, which is also a live organization with a membership of 24.

The Young People's Societies are arranged with four group leaders who are responsible for the programme. One night is devoted to Bible character study, missionary, devotional and music. The fifth night in the quarter is the President's night, when an open meeting is held and opportunity given to any desiring to tell of God's dealings with them or of prayer answered.

These meetings have done much to encourage and inspire three young men who are now in our colleges studying for the ministry, and several others are also preparing themselves for the Master's service.

# Helping Hungarian Women and Children in Hamilton

MRS. ROSE POLL KOVACS

THREE months ago I began work among our Hungarian women and children in Hamilton.

### Work Among the Children

First, I would like to tell of the work among the children.

Whenever children were found in the home, I made it a point to visit. Some of the children live far from the Church, so they are not able to attend the Sunday School regularly. Some walk one, one and a half, or two miles every Sunday, not having street car fare, others come with their parents. The number was not very large at the beginning, but increased rapidly, until the average now is 25. This includes children from 6 to 14. In preparation for Church membership, seven of the older scholars, 5 boys and 2 girls, are attending a class conducted by Mr. Kovacs or myself, in teacher training.

We have started a Boy Scout group which, by the way, will be the first Hungarian Boy Scout group in Canada.

The Sabbath Schools of McNab Street and Central Churches supplied left-over S.S. papers, which were always eagerly sought by the boys and girls. Here I would like to insert that we have also a section in our *Hungarian Observer*, especially for women, mothers and children.

In July, we had Summer Vacation School, with an average attendance of 25; ages ranging from 6-14. This school was open to all Hungarian children. The programme consisted of reading and writing Hungarian, Bible stories for the smaller children, and Church history for the older pupils. It has been found that unless the children are taught something about their parents' country, they have no respect for their parents, which is the cause of many troubles among the second generation.

### Women's Work

Visiting was done regularly, especially among those women who could not attend Church.

A class was begun in embroidery, which opens with Bible reading and prayer. In this way they not only continue their native handicraft, but feel their responsibility to contribute their share in helping the Church financially. We already had a bazaar from their work, with the help of the leading ladies of different Churches in the city. The sale was held, like a garden party, on the McNab Street Church lawn, the articles being exhibited in the home of Rev. Dr. H. B. and Mrs. Ketchen. The income was $75.00, which went entirely for our Church building fund. The women are enthusiastic about the work and we are continuing it in different homes every week. We prepared originally designed pieces for the Canadian National Exhibition.

The women were also very helpful the afternoon of the turning of the first sod for our new Hungarian Presbyterian Church, in supplying the supper which followed the ceremony.

We are trying to place working girls in good homes, as general servants, and the women whose husbands are out of work have been given work by the day. Though employment conditions are very difficult now, we placed eleven girls and women recently.

From time to time I visit the Hungarian women patients in the hospitals, regardless of their religion. Altogether I visited fifty-five homes, two or more families sometimes being in one home.

## THANKSGIVING THOUGHTS

Thou that hast given so much to me,
Give one thing more—a grateful heart!
Not thankful when it pleaseth me,
As if Thy blessing had spare days,
But such a heart whose pulse may be Thy praise.

—*George Herbert*

# Welcome and Welfare and Deaconess Work in Winnipeg

Miss Mary G. Todd

OF what does your work consist? is a question often asked following the introduction of this worker as deaconess-at-large in Winnipeg. It is a simple question, but one not easily answered, as a deaconess never really knows of what her work consists, but she is willing to try whatever is required of her.

Until recently, the meeting of newcomers at the railway station formed a large part of the work here, but now very few are arriving. However, from January to July, I met 55 trains and had the opportunity of rendering some assistance to those passing on to points further west. The nature of the help required varies, but the question usually asked is ''Where can we get a good meal?'' or ''Where can we buy food to take with us on the train?'' On several occasions, this year, a party of 10 or 12 non-English speaking women and children arrived, and it was my privilege to go shopping with them. Most Welcome and Welfare workers know one or two words which are useful in such circumstances, and with these and all kinds of signs it is not difficult to be of some little help even to those to whom English is a strange language. There is always one thing we can use which is universal,—a smile—and without this all our words would be of little value.

Visiting in connection with this department is naturally very light, but, being at the service of the Presbyterian Church throughout the city, I do not need to wonder what to do with my time. There is certainly no monotony in the work for almost every hour presents a different picture,—visiting in hospitals; calling on the aged ones; meeting with little children in Mission Band; helping with a 'teen-age group or Young Woman's Auxiliary; teaching a senior class in Sabbath School; and sometimes taking charge of a Sabbath service in one of our smaller fields.

It is also my great privilege to be responsible for an Overseas Girls' Club in this city. We meet every Thursday night during the fall and winter months and, in the summer, picnics are held to keep us together. At the regular meetings the girls make little garments for distribution in the deaconess work, and occasionally we have a social night and invite members of the Women's Missionary Society. The different Auxiliaries and individuals entertain us now and again, and we always have a happy evening. We correspond with our Mother Overseas Club, in Montreal, and are trying very hard to follow in her footsteps.

A new experience in connection with girls' work this summer was our camp held at Gonor. As one of the leaders there, I would like to say that it was to me a time of great blessing. I realized as perhaps never before that while many girls and young people seem careless, yet in their inmost souls they are calling for guidance in the deeper things of life, and too often they are given the impression that we, as a Church, are too busy to be bothered with them. They are worth claiming and holding for the Master's use.

Is the work of a deaconess-at-large a happy one? Yes, it is! There are always some who criticize harshly, but there are many to help, and the disappointments are lost in the joys which abound in great measure.

# Deaconess Work in Saskatoon

MISS HELEN M. ROSS

ABOUT the centre of the Province of Saskatchewan, on the south branch of the Saskatchewan River, is situated the city of Saskatoon. The river winds its way through the city from south-west to north-east, cutting the city in two. The southern part is called Nutana; the northern part is again divided in two by the Canadian National and the Canadian Pacific Railway tracks into City Park and West side districts. Spanning the river are two railway bridges and two traffic bridges, with another traffic bridge under construction at the present time. St. Andrew's Church is situated one block north of the northern end of the new traffic bridge and about the centre of the city.

The Church itself is no stately edifice of brick or stone, as one might expect the former Moderator's Church would be, but merely a stucco finished basement with a seating capacity for 500 people. But, although our quarters are small our vision is large. In connection with this Church we have five Sunday Schools—one at the Church, and the other four held in Nutana Collegiate, Wilson, Albert, and Pleasant Hill schools. There are over 480 pupils enrolled in the 5 schools. The parents of some of these children are not connected with any Church so it is the duty of the deaconess to visit the families and, if possible, get them to identify themselves with the Church. This is not easy as many of them have not attended Church since coming to Canada from the Old Country.

### A Picture of the Daily Routine

When calling in a home a short time ago, I was told of a needy family so went to see them. The father had been killed in an accident on the highway, leaving nine children. In the corner of the living-room was a bed on which was a boy of nine, suffering from an attack of quinsy. The bed had not been made and the bedding was just heaped on the boy. In another corner lay a pile of washing that had been brought in from the clothesline. The table was piled with all manner of things as well as a set of books on engineering. The dining-room was in like disorder. The eldest boy of the family died two years ago with T.B. The next boy was not working on account of having a bad cold. He took the two smallest children to the kitchen and washed them and brushed their hair. Another little girl was home from school because she said, ''It hurt her to breathe.'' A girl of eight years was in the City Hospital with a fractured skull sustained when she fell down the stairs and struck her head on the door-step. The other children were at school except the eldest girl who is working now. The mother seemed quite resigned and thought everything would come out all right. Some of the clothes and bedding from the W.M.S. bales has found its way into this home.

Besides St. Andrew's Church there is Parkview Church and the Mayfair and Thornton Missions in Saskatoon. The work in the Thornton Mission district is handicapped because they have no hall or church and have to rent a basement room in the Thornton Public School for their church service and Sunday School. The room will seat about 100 people. The Church service is held at eleven o'clock and Sunday School at twelve. On my first visit I was amazed to find about 60 children and only four or five adults besides the Sunday School teachers. After some enquiries I found that the parents would not come because they were not acquainted with one another and some did not know that there was a Church service as well as Sunday School.

### Community Spirit Needed

I visited the homes of all the children enrolled in the Sunday School and asked the mothers if they would attend a ''get acquainted'' meeting. They said they would and eighteen women came to the first meeting. They organized a Women's League that meets once a month. They have taken up relief work through that district and some of the other Churches are helping them to provide the clothing for the needy. In a few weeks after visiting through the district, the number of adults attending Church showed a marked improvement, there being from 20 to 30 every Sunday. Then it became necessary to have a choir so a class of senior boys and a class of senior girls formed a choir. One of the mothers who had been a music teacher, offered her home for practice and said she would play for them, and another woman offered to be the leader. They have fifteen or more in the choir every Sunday which is a wonderful help in leading the service of praise. If the work goes ahead as rapidly this year as it did last year they will need a church building before very long.

# Work of Your Deaconess in Regina

MISS EVELYN FORSYTHE

THE work carried on by your deaconess-at-large in the city of Regina is quite extensive yet most interesting.

Regina, the Queen City of the West, has a population of 60,000. Quite a number of these people are non-Anglo-Saxon. Serving the Presbyterians are two Churches, both new buildings since 1925, and representing a church membership of 1,140.

In two other districts we have Presbyterian Sabbath Schools. It is hoped that in a day not far distant one of these schools, at least, will develop into a Presbyterian Church eager to carry on the Cause in its particular district.

One of these. in what is known as the Southeast district, is held in a technical school and has on the roll at present some 40 scholars. The purpose of this school is to provide a Presbyterian Sabbath School within reach of families living at some distance from First Church.

The other, in Eastview district, has about 175 on the roll. There are twelve classes and thirteen teachers and officers. The sessions are held in a public school kindergarten room rented for the purpose by First Church. In this district lots have already been procured on which a Church building is to be erected when the funds for the enterprise have been gathered. At the present time there is a building account of $425. It is to the credit of Eastview Sunday School that for the past two years it has given generously to the W.M.S. of our Church. Each year their Mission contribution has been sent ''in appreciation of there being a deaconess in Regina to work primarily in Eastview.''

The work is primarily in Eastview. Miss Macarthur loves the Eastview folk and they love her. It is with eagerness indeed that they look forward to her return from her holiday in the old land.

Eastview Sunday School has had its results. Four of our scholars united with First Church and one with Northside at the last Easter Communion. Several baptismal services also church services have been conducted from time to time by Rev. S. Farley. The school measures up to 100 per cent. in participation in programmes and offerings for Rally Day and Mothers' Day Services. Kind friends have presented a lovely silver baptismal bowl and linen towel. One of the First Church clubs made possible the purchase of twenty-five folding steel chairs to alleviate to some extent our seating problem.

The work of the deaconess is not restricted to Eastview. There are the two congregations proper among which there is some visiting.

The work at present with our 'teen age and young people is confined to the C.G.I.T. of First Church, of which Miss Macarthur has been a leader for two seasons, keen interest is also shown in the "Douglas Wilkie" Y. W. Auxiliary in Northside Church, so named for Rev. Douglas Wilkie now in Formosa and at one time minister of Northside congregation.

There is a splendid opportunity for Mission Band and Young People's work in the Eastview district but it is hampered, at present, by the lack of a building. During the 1930-31 season, a class of Eastview girls formed one of the C.G.I.T. groups of First Church, and were the winners of the W.M.S. second prize for their Treasure Book. They have given that money to their Sunday School Building Fund.

This summer a camp was held at Lumsden Beach by the First Church girls. Here the regular camp routine was carried out, with Bible study and worship which was very helpful.

Hospital visiting is another feature of our work here. This involves the visiting of all Presbyterians in the General and Grey Nuns' Hospitals, especially Eastview folk and people from out of town.

I wish Miss Macarthur were here to tell of the Welcome and Welfare work. Several Eastview families and others with whom she has come in contact first met her when they landed at the port of Montreal. This in no small way accounts for the success of our cause in Eastview.

I am sure that each reader of the *Glad Tidings* followed with interest the report of Mrs. Horne, of Regina, and Mrs. Fletcher, of Toronto, dealing with the western relief undertaken last year. Regina was the distributing centre and a busy one! From 9.00 a.m. until 5.00 p.m., or later, the packers were busy daily for some six or seven months. As a result some 700 bales carried clothing and other necessities to nearly 6,000 individuals in the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. In addition, seven cars of food supplies were placed.

This very briefly covers the work of our deaconess in the city of Regina. For fifty years Presbyterianism has advanced in this city and it is still extending its borders.

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# Varied Duties of a Deaconess

MISS MARGARET GRIGOR, VANCOUVER

TO welcome the newcomers—the strangers in our midst—to extend to them a kindly Christian greeting, to wish them Godspeed in this, their adopted country, to speak a word to those who know not Christ as Saviour and friend, to sympathize with others in sorrow or difficulty, to wish the visitor, who has come to visit his friends and see the beauties of our land, a happy holiday is, indeed, truly well worth while.

Let us put ourselves in the place of many of those who have come here. They have left home and loved ones, in some cases, hoping to better themselves, but customs and ways of life are so different. Many times they are lonely and wonder whether they should have come, but a visit from one who is interested in them and a few words of encouragement seems to uplift them.

Many are the expressions of appreciation voiced by strangers for the interest taken in them by our Church. Often it may be only a call, a handclasp, good wishes expressed, some Christian literature and Sunday School cards and papers left for the children, but the thought and influence may extend beyond our expectations.

There are a few cases, however, where the worker has felt that she has been used by God, and she has gone out to pray the more earnestly—

Others, Lord, yes others
Let this our motto be
Help us to live for others,
That we may live for Thee.

The following are but two:

A mother, an elderly little woman, had left her Scottish home with all its dear associations. Her husband had died and the old home was broken up and she had come to live with her son, a young man of twenty-one. There were hopes and fears for the future as well as loneliness of heart, but as the worker talked of Him who had promised never to leave nor forsake her, and who would make all things, even bereavement, work together for good to her, her faith was strengthened and she put a deeper trust in God. Then assuring her that the minister of the nearest church and some of our W.M.S. women would call and welcome her, we parted with a warm handclasp and an expression on her part of what Christian sympathy and interest had meant to her.

A young girl, one of many, has come out alone. She is in her first position as a domestic. Everything is so strange and the mistress not very sympathetic. She has been sick all the way over and still feels miserable. In a few days something serious develops and she is taken to hospital. Can you imagine her loneliness, and what a visit means to her? Just the thought that someone cares. Books and magazines help to while away the weary hours. When she is able to come out a more congenial position is found. We arrange to go to church together. She is introduced to the minister and others, and soon she feels at home. Later on she unites with that Church and is happy in the Christian fellowship. At Christmas a gift and card, expressing appreciation, was received.

Was this service worth while? For the girl's sake, and for Him who said, ''Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me,'' truly it was.

# A Summer Camp at Pouce Coupe

MISS HAZEL M. MACDONALD, DEACONESS

WHEN I came back from my holidays on crutches the girls were much concerned, partly on account of camp. We had camp anyway, and after the driest summer the Peace has known in years it began to rain about half an hour after we reached the lake. However, my girls are real girls and they went ahead getting things all shipshape. We had had so much rain the summer before while at camp that this time we were quite expert in knowing how to manage.

When I found out, this year, that many of our folks had no gardens or very little in their gardens, I wondered just how we were going to have enough to eat. However, everything worked out splendidly, each girl bringing $1.50 or its equivalent in food. We had enough homemade bread so that I had to buy only four loaves for our last meal. We had 32 in camp from Tuesday morning until Saturday afternoon and the cost was only $18. Mrs. Hall, of Dawson Creek, cooked for us and the girls were well satisfied. If you have ever tried to feed a bunch of girls who are living in tents and on the go every minute of the day you will appreciate what a task Mrs. Hall had. All the cooking, even when it rained, was done over an outdoor fire.

**Summer Campers, Pouce Coupe. Miss H. Macdonald is at the extreme right, bottom row.**

At morning assembly we selected a verse from our scripture reading to remember throughout the day and until the next assembly. Our second day out we hiked six miles around the lake, looking for what had been described to us as a real beach—we never found it. Whoever had seen that beach and called it real sand had never lived on the shores of Lake Huron. But, in spite of the mud, the girls did improve in their swimming a lot, and several passed their test for the Guide work. It was quite exciting trying to keep out of the way of the wasps and hornets which, it seems, are more than usually prevalent during a dry season. While chopping out a pole I got right into a nest of them and was stung on hands, face and foot—a sight to behold! After that we borrowed a bluing bag and that kept most of the stings from swelling as mine did. Fortunately, Miss Magee took over the responsibility of the camp for the rest of the day.

We had several visitors from the east this summer and managed to show them a variety of conditions typical of the country. When Miss Lamont was here we crossed the Peace and on our way back we were just nearing shore when something went wrong with the propeller and we drifted about two miles down the river. I had always wanted to see what was down that way but preferred to go when the ferry was under control. Our anchor held at last, the damage was repaired and we got back to shore. Dr. and Mrs. MacKay had a slight idea of what a little rain does to our roads, but Mr. Horne had the pleasure of driving in the dust. Coming back from the north there was a car ahead of us and it was travelling slowly so we tried to pass, but the dust it raised was so thick we could not see the car in front or even the side of the road, so we had to slow down and travel at a more leisurely pace than my car usually takes. After three attempts to pass we finally succeeded and Mr. Horne quietly asked if that car had been ahead of us by previous arrangement.

Last week I visited the frontier town of Hudson Hope. It is a lovely little spot, in the hills, with whitewashed houses and a very fine log hotel, which has a bath. It is about 125 miles north west of Pouce Coupe. We drove forty miles and then went up the river on a homemade launch. It was a most interesting trip and the pilot must know the river pretty well in order to miss the shallow spots. When we saw a big black bear on the shore we were very glad that we were on a boat in the middle of the river. The people are all quite contented and able to provide for their own wants. Some of them had not been ''out'' for seven or eight years. There are no regular services held there, although they have a small Catholic church which is used only at Treaty time.

And now I must start out to Riverside for our church circle meeting. Our Church there has been quite busy. We had three services in one week and they were all well attended. When Mr. Horne was here we had the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and eighteen partook of it. I am quite proud of my Riverside congregation. The women are planning for the Harvest Home service and a dinner, for next month.

# Scott Institute Camp, Grimsby Beach, Ontario

MILLICENT A. WALKER, DEACONESS

DURING July and August we entertained at our summer home over 200 mothers and children. Coming from the crowded city these people enjoyed the short holiday in the country. It was a great treat for the mothers, not having to worry over where the next meal was coming from. To the boys and girls it was the outstanding event of their summer holidays. Keen interest was taken in swimming, baseball, hikes, picnics and treasure hunts.

The spiritual side of life was not forgotten. Morning devotions were taken by the children and at the evening service Rev. M. Zeidman or one of the other leaders spoke to the mothers and children. In the quiet evening, when the children had retired, Miss McArthur, on several occasions, had a short meeting for the mothers, giving them food for their souls. A number of the children asked for New Testaments and upon receiving them promised to read them. Our earnest prayer is that they may see Jesus Christ as the ''Light of the World'' and their Saviour.

Children at play, "Burning Bush" Camp, Grimsby Beach.

A mother of nine children, who was at camp for the first time, upon being asked if she was enjoying herself said, ''I never laughed so many.'' She was most grateful for the least kindness shown her and said she would never forget her stay at Grimsby Beach. A lad, fourteen years of age and one of a family of eleven, said, ''whoever thought of this was very kind.'' His only regret was that the holiday passed too quickly.

# Books Old and New

By LEREINE BALLANTYNE

THE season of Thanksgiving is here—let us make it a great thank-offering. The new envelopes are ready, and thank-offering suggestions are listed below.

Never in the history of our National life has it been so necessary that women be informed on the problems of the day, and stand steadfast for the high ideals of world service. It is therefore of utmost importance that delegates to Presbyterial and Sectional meetings take home not only new programme ideas, but literature and information on literature is necessary.

Form reading circles for the winter. Urge each member to own her own Study Book, to read it and to be conversant about the work of the Society.

## The New Study Book

Orders have been coming in for the new book. This year it is called THE SEVEN SEAS OF SERVICE, and is outlined to cover a period of two years. The first and coming year tells of the problems of the newcomer to Canada. The second year shows the contrast of work overseas to that at home. Programmes are arranged for every meeting.

The SEVEN SEAS OF SERVICE is your Auxiliary Study Book, to read, to use, to know. Price per copy 35c. or $3.50 per dozen post paid. Every member and every Home Helper should have her own copy. The new free leaflet ''A Guide for Officers'' will be included with each copy.

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR is the new Study Book for Girls' organizations in our Church including the C.G.I.T. This is arranged for a most interesting study of national mission work. Price per copy 25c. or $2.50 per dozen. Order half a dozen copies for your group.

Plan the programme early. Chapter I of the new Study Book might be called a Pioneers' Party, and different members might tell about our own early pioneers, to compare with our responsibility to the newcomers of Canada.

Wall paper cut up makes a pretty cover for your season's programme.

Aim for 100 per cent. attendance and 100 per cent. programme interest.

## Thank-offering Suggestions

Thank-offering Envelopes are printed in the brown tints of autumn. The leaflet ''Thank-offering Prayer'' may be had free of charge with each order, up to 100 copies. The envelopes are priced at 35c. per 100.

THANK-OFFERING LEAFLETS are valuable to vary the programme. The following are of interest:

''Not Omitting the Fourth Stanza,'' per copy 3c.

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Clip these new helps and keep them by you. Next month a list ot books for gift giving will be presented on this page.

# WITH THE AUXILIARIES

## DEVOTIONAL HOUR

### The Place

"THERE is a place where thou canst touch the eyes of
blinded men to instant perfect sight;
There is a place where thou canst say "Arise" to dying
captives bound in chains of night;
There is a place where thou canst reach the store of
hoarded gold and free it for the Lord;
There is a place—upon some distant shore—where thou
canst send the worker or the word;
There is a place where Heaven's resistless power,
responsive moves to thine insistent plea;
There is a place—a silent trysting hour—where God
Himself descends and fights for thee.
Where is that blessed place—dost thou ask where?
Oh, Soul, it is the secret place of prayer."

*Let us pray:*

For Rev. L. L. Young, Kobe, Japan, whose son is ill.

For our beloved Missionary, Miss Bertha Robson, of Amkhut, who has had to lay down her work in India and return to her home in Glen Morris, Ontario.

For our dear Miss Murray, Hospital Visitor in Toronto, who is ill.

That a suitable young woman may offer herself as Girls' Work Secretary, and that we may be guided in our choice.

*Let us give thanks:*

For the safe return, on furlough, of Dr. Jessie MacBean, of the Hackett Medical College, Canton, South China; Miss Ada Adams, kindergarten teacher in Taihoku, Formosa; Miss Irene Stringer, teacher, and Miss A. Whatling, evangelist, of Jhansi, India.

For all our missionaries at home and overseas.

## Prayer

OUR Heavenly Father who has promised to draw nigh unto them who call upon Thee, we would lift our hearts in gratitude to Thee for all Thy goodness to us. We thank Thee for our discipline, sometimes gentle, sometimes severe but always understanding; for Thy patience in the face of our repeated failures, and above all for Thy great love. Help us to dedicate ourselves anew to Thee and to Thy service. Holy Spirit, wilt Thou come into our hearts and drive out whatever is holding us back from true service—make us willing and ready to have our prayers answered. Our Father, we pray for our Church in all her interests. Bless our ministers, home missionaries and deaconesses, and help them according to their need. We would pray for our overseas missionaries. In their times of perplexity and despondency help them to remember Thine own promise, ''Lo, I am with you alway'' and may they have the joy of seeing many added to the Church. These things we ask for Christ's sake. Amen.

—Adapted from *Ministering Women.*

# YOUNG WOMEN

AS we plan for our Thanksgiving programme, let us remember the early pioneers and settlers who, by their labors, laid the foundations for our nation. Let us recall, too, our early missionaries, who leaving behind their own friends and taking with them a high courage, firm endurance and an abiding faith in the God of their fathers, laid the foundations of our mission fields.

Rev. James Nesbit and Mrs. Nesbit, our first missionaries to the Indians in our own land; Rev. George Leslie Mackay our first Presbyterian foreign missionary, who labored for twenty-nine years in Formosa; Rev. Jonathan and Mrs. Goforth, who have given a lifetime service to China, or the late Dr. Caroline Macdonald, who went to Japan about thirty years ago, the story of any one of the above missionaries, who prepared the way for our workers of to-day would give us the first note of Thanksgiving which is gratitude to the Divine Author of all bounty and blessing.

Let us plan also to sing:

"Oh God of Bethel, by whose hand
Thy people still are fed;
Who through this weary pilgrimage
Hast all our fathers led;"

And for our devotions, let us read the Psalm of Praise—Psalm 100:

"O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands."

(Or see hymns listed for Chapter I of the new Study Book "The Seven Seas of Service.")

## Thanksgiving Prayer

We thank Thee, Lord, and not alone
For gold or gladness, full success,
For wealth that we have called our own—
The faith, the love, the happiness;
But for the sorrow and the smart,
The failure and the striving vain,
The song we carolled in our heart
When our poor lips were dumb with pain.

Not for accomplishment complete,
Not for the care-free, guarded way,
Not for the paths of peace our feet
Have found, we thank Thee, Lord, to-day;
But for the highway's dust and din,
For perilous places safely passed
For every brier of doubt and sin
Which clutched, but dare not hold us fast.

For all Thy patience through the years—
The years that come, the years that go;
Thy patience with our faults, our fears,
Dear Lord, we thank Thee, kneeling low.

—*Jean Blewett.*

One Y.W.A. holds their Thanksgiving meeting in the form of a supper for the members and an open meeting, commencing at eight o'clock to which the mothers and members of the senior Auxiliary are invited. This gives the ladies of the congregation an opportunity to see what the young women are doing and often results in new members.

Don't forget a membership committee. Plan for 100 per cent attendance membership. The greater the numbers the easier and more interesting the task.

# GIRLS AND LEADERS

## GREY WINGS

SOME years ago an interested group of people watched a flock of gulls descending upon a rocky stretch of seashore. There were birds whose plumage flashed white as crest of wave. Again, there were birds with darkly tinted wing and others as completely grey as the boulders themselves.

''What does the difference in color denote? Is it male and female like Robin Redbreast and his more modest mate?'' a young voice inquired.

At that moment, a wellknown figure was seen approaching and another member of the group announced: ''There's John Burroughs, the naturalist. Let's ask him.''

Upon being questioned, the old gentleman explained in his interesting way that the grey gulls were the young birds, the fledglings of that season. By a second year they would lose some of their sombre hue and by the third be as sails against the sky.

Although not intimated by the naturalist, the thought occurred to some of his listeners that the gulls' color scheme seemed but a part of the Great Creator's plan for the protection of His creatures. Did not obscure grey cover beginners' false moves and erring flight?

So beginners, whether leaders, members or officers of groups, who consider yourselves colorless and inexperienced, remember the grey wings of the first year gulls and keep on flying. For further encouragement, look at the pioneers with whom you are becoming acquainted in ''Who is My Neighbour?'' Were their little beginnings not dark and prosaic? Yet how many have flashed forth whitely against national horizon and religious background of community!

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## MAP OF CANADA

NOTE all these shadowy beginnings on your *Map of Canada* which was suggested in the September number of *The Glad Tidings.* **This map is to take the place of a Treasure Book for 1932-33.** Variety of form and method of marking permanently centres of missionary interest and work are left to the originality of individual groups. Map-making is a favourite hobby these days, so be on the lookout for the most effective type. The Council Executive will make two awards at the Biennial Meeting in May, the one for the best map exhibited by Senior organizations and the other for the best one coming from the Juniors. Accompanying the map, there should be a key giving particulars of the various places indicated.

To illustrate some of these early beginnings (Chapters 2 and 3 of Study Book) two little scenes are suggested which may be secured by sending to the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, 372 Bay Street, Toronto 2. These formed a part of a Patriotic and Missionary Pageant used in 1927; and "The Women's Vision," page 6, describes the Mother W.M.S., while "Inasmuch," page 8, pictures the first hospital unit. A limited supply of these programmes are still on hand and can be obtained for 5 cents each.

While these suggestions have to deal with Canada, do not lose interest in farther horizons. Dr. Jessie MacBean, whose work you supported last year, has arrived home from China on furlough. If she is in your community at any time, be sure to hear about the work you supported. Read on page 321 about the new missionaries who have recently set sail on brave adventures. Follow them with your interest and your prayers. Then do not delay in starting your penny bank. One cent per month from every member of your organization and you will have a share in the W.M.S. gift to the Church. See "A Call to Advance!" in the September number of *The Glad Tidings.* —M. J. G.

# MISSION BANDS

*Dear Mission Band Girls and Boys:*

ONCE again we are back at Mission Band listening and learning all we can about the boys and girls of other lands and about the men and women who have been such faithful followers of our loving Heavenly Father.

This year our Women's Missionary Society has undertaken to raise a large amount of money to help our Church continue to send the message of Jesus all over our beloved land and to other lands. I am sure the boys and girls would like to help so we are asking you to give $3,170.00.

Now that is a lot for little boys and girls to do but if once a month you take one extra copper to Mission Band and put it in the lovely big pyramid prepared specially for this offering, in two years you will be able to raise this large amount of money.

Shall we try and see if we cannot be the first organization to raise this money. Just bring your offering each month for the Band and an extra cent (or more if you wish) for the compaign fund.

Your Secretary,
*Ethel M. Adamson.*

## A BOY'S PRAYER

ST. GILES' CATHEDRAL *Supplement* prints the following prayer, written by the late Dr. Edwin Temple, Rector of Glasgow Academy, for the boys of his school shortly before his death last Easter:

Oh God!
Give me clean hands, clean words, and clean thoughts;
Help me to stand for the hard right against the easy wrong;
Save me from habits that harm;
Teach me to work as hard and play as fair in Thy sight alone as if all the world saw;
Forgive me when I am unkind, and help me to forgive those who are unkind to me;
Keep me ready to help others at some cost to myself;
Send me chances to do a little good every day, and so grow more like Christ.
AMEN.

# PROVINCIAL NEWS

## ALBERTA

MRS. R. J. CHRYSTAL, CARSTAIRS, PRESS SECRETARY

### The Late Mrs. Sara Harrop

CALGARY P.S.—The women of the Alberta W.M.S., have been called upon to sorrow in the death of one of their most loyal and faithful members, Mrs. Sara Harrop, who passed away on August 4th. For many years Mrs. Harrop served as Supply Secretary on the Provincial Board. She was also a member of the Calgary Presbyterial and, at the time of her death, President of her own Auxiliary in Knox Church.

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The Presbyterial Executive held their June meeting at St. George's Island, 18 members were present. This picnic meeting proved a very happy gathering and brought the ladies into closer sociable relationship. Mrs. Adam, Welcome and Welfare Secretary reported having received five letters of inquiry for friends, to all of which she was giving her prompt attention.

Group 5 of Grace Church Auxiliary had charge of an interesting programme at their June meeting which was largely attended. Mrs. R. Gibson gave a fine talk on Formosa and the great work of our pioneer missionary, Rev. George Leslie Mackay, D.D. A pleasing finale to the meeting was a little programme given by several members of the Mission Band. At the June meeting of Carstairs Auxiliary, a playlet "Mites and Millions" was presented by the Sunbeam Mission Band, under the direction of the leader, Betty Chrystal.

**McLeod P.S.**, our newest Presbyterial, reports two Life Memberships in St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Lethbridge. We are hoping that soon we may hear more from this Presbyterial.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

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WESTMINSTER P.S.—The August meeting of Fairview Auxiliary was held in Stanley Park. With ideal weather conditions, and surrounded by the beauty of this famous park, the members and friends considered it one of the most successful meetings of the year.

The sympathy of the W.M.S. members of the Province is extended to Mrs. G. Sinclair Smith, Vancouver, whose husband was called home on August 21st. Mrs. Smith was a member of the Provincial Board for a number of years.

### Camps

Summer Camps and Vacation Schools are over for another year. While the attendance in some cases was not as large as in former years, the workers have the assurance their labors have not been in vain. One very important part of all the programmes has been missionary instruction, in the form of lectures, stories, and pageants. One camp reports ''World-Friendship Day'' was considered the most interesting in camp.

## MANITOBA

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SUPERIOR P.S. Presbyterian Girls' Camp was held at Sunshine Beach, on Lake Superior in July. There were 37 girls registered. The camp director was Miss Jean Cowan, Girls' Work Secretary. Mrs. T. Delbridge, Port Arthur, was camp mother and Miss Jane Hogarth, Fort William, camp nurse. The girls were divided into four groups, under the leadership of Miss Agnes Yule and Miss Winifred Whiffen, Port Arthur, Miss Jean Stevenson and Miss Margaret Houston, Fort William. This year the campers organized as Adventurers in Wonderland. Ivy Richardson, Fort William, was elected Chief Camper. After an enjoyable and profitable ten days, the girls left camp, hoping to meet together again next summer.

**Winnipeg P.S.** held a well attended sectional meeting at Morden. Roland W. A. and Morden W. A., Roland sent a splendid representation. Mrs. Flook, Presbyterial President, in her address appealed for courage in these trying days. Mrs. Wm. McKay gave a fine paper on ''The Lord's Prayer.'' There was also a short account of the meeting of the Enlarged Council Executive, reports by Presbyterial Secretaries, and an interesting talk on the work of a deaconess by Miss Todd.

## ONTARIO

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BROCKVILLE P.S.—The sectional meeting held at Dixon Corners on July 20th was attended by Auxiliary members from Cardinal, Pittston, Roebuck, and Ventnor, when interesting reports of the work were given. Mrs. Jas. S. Riddell, Presbyterial President, spoke on the success of W.M.S. work, and Mrs. R. I. Davidson, reported the Provincial.

### In Memoriam

THE LATE MISS SARAH ORR

The Ontario Provincial Executive regret deeply the loss of Miss Sarah E. Orr, Stratford, who passed away August 31st. Finance Secretary on the Provincial Board since 1925, she gave faithful and valued service.

**London P.S.**—The Executive has sustained a loss in the call to higher service of one of their number, Mrs. E. Pellow, a member of Hamilton Rd. Auxiliary, London.

**Peterborough P.S.**—In the passing away of Mrs. John MacFarlane, Keene, the church has suffered a great loss. Devoted and faithful in the organizations and activities of the church, she will be deeply missed.

**Toronto P.S.**—Westminster Church, Willowdale, and the W.M.S. mourns the passing of Mrs. Davies, beloved wife of the pastor, and faithful in the work of the organization.

## SASKATCHEWAN

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PRINCE ALBERT P.S.—The first conference of the newly-organized Presbyterial of Prince Albert was held in St. Paul's Church, June 28th. There were 25 delegates present, also many visitors. There was a happy spirit evidenced throughout the sessions. The opening devotions gave the key note to the meeting. A warm welcome was extended by the President, not only to the organized W.M.S. branches, but to a group of women who came from our student mission fields in the far north.

The reports by the Departmental Secretaries indicated activity and growth that augurs well for the future of the Presbyterial. Special interest was evidenced in Mrs. W. G. Brown's graphic description of her visit to Formosa and Japan. The members were brought into close touch with the work in India by Miss Eleanor McKechnie, of Tisdale, designated to work in India. It is not often that a Presbyterial so early in its history has one of its members in the overseas field, and Miss McKechnie's words will long be remembered and her efforts followed by the prayers of the members.

A pageant by the Ephraim Scott Mission Band added to the interest of the gathering.

## LIFE MEMBERS

*Ontario Provincial.—*

**Life Members:** Barrie P.S.—3; Guelph P.S.—1; Huron P.S.—3; Kingston P.S.—1. **Junior Members:** Huron P.S.—5; Kingston P.S.—1; 1 Blue Seal.

*Saskatchewan Provincial.—*

**Life Members:** Regina P.S.—3. **Junior Members:** Prince Albert P.S.—2; Regina P.S.—1; Seals, Blue 1, Silver 1, Gold 1.

**Honorary Member:** Regina P.S.—Mrs. H. R. Horne, Regina, presented by the entire membership of Saskatchewan Provincial.

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*July-August, 1932*

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| Legacy from the Estate of Mrs. J. M. Scott, Claude, Ont. | 100.00 |
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| Grant from the Board of Missions for work at Pouce Coupe, Alta. | 130.00 |
| Rent of house at Vegreville | 27.40 |
| Scholarship for Boy at Amkhut, Bhil Field | 25.00 |
| Government Grant for "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Residential School | 5,011.88 |
| Refund on Missionary expenses | 350.00 |
| Interest | 888.65 |

PROVINCIAL GIVINGS:

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| British Columbia | 420.00 |
| Manitoba | 475.00 |
| Ontario | 6,000.00 |
| Quebec | 900.00 |
| Saskatchewan | 250.00 |
| | $14,708.93 |

## DISBURSEMENTS

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| South Porcupine Hospital | $ 650.00 |
| Canora Hospital | 1,506.89 |
| Vegreville Hospital | 630.00 |
| Chinese in Canada | 1,250.72 |
| "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Residential School | 1,243.32 |
| Government Grant for "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Residential School | 5,011.88 |
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| Formosa | 746.60 |
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| India, Gwalior | 340.00 |
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A Correction.—$67.50 for Portable Organ for Miss Jenkinson was given by Friends in Guelph and Toronto, and not A Friend as appeared in the Treasurer's Statement in the September number.

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# The Glad Tidings

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## Editorial

HERRNHUT, Saxony, Germany, the centre of the Moravian Missions, was the place chosen for the meeting of the Committee of the International Missionary Council. Here, for ten unforgettable days—from June 23rd to July 4th—were gathered representative missionary workers from Belgium, China, Congo, France, Germany, Great Britain, India, Japan, Korea, Latin America, Near East, Netherlands, North America, Northern Europe, Philippine Islands, Siam, South Africa, Switzerland. In this historic centre of two hundred years of missionary enterprise, there came to the Council a vision of a triumphant gospel in the midst of a modern world with its challenge to advance in days of difficulty, as well as its call to faith and hope.

Among the delegates was Mrs. Mary Grace Forgan, President of the Women's Section of the International Union of Presbyterian Missionary Societies. To her ''Pen Pictures'' of this great gathering, which appeared in *Life and Work,* the official magazine of the Church of Scotland, we are indebted for much of our information about the Conference. In her introduction she tells how, on the first evening as they walked to the Church, they were greeted by a brass band (200 years old) playing Bach's Chorales. The Church she described as a long building with a flat roof and galleries at either end. A narrow platform runs along one of the longer sides and in the middle is a chair and reading desk. The inside of the church is painted white, and there is a very fine organ. The only ornament is the frontal of the reading desk which bears the symbol of the Moravian Church—a lamb carrying a banner blazoned with a cross.

If any should ask why Herrnhut, a small town of 1,600 people, was chosen as the meeting place of the International Missionary Council, the answer is found in the words of Bishop Baudert, who, in the name of the Herrnhut congregation and the ''Unitas Fratrum'' welcomed the delegates, saying:

''We remember how in August 21st, 1732, the first missionaries set out, on foot, from Herrnhut to carry the Gospel to the negro slaves in St. Thomas. Then a fire was lighted here at the foot of the Hulberg which, by the grace of God, has not gone out in Protestant Christendom, and will never go out. With gratitude to God we remember how He has enabled our little church to send out, in unbroken succession, 3,000

Brethren and Sisters as missionaries to the heathen. Because by the grace of God, Herrnhut has become a place of historic memories for evangelical missions we have invited you to hold your meeting in our little town. . . . We have the more pleasure in welcoming the whole body of evangelical missions because Count Zinzendorf would have welcomed you with all his heart.''

To-day, the Moravian Church is filled with the same spirit that sent out its first missionaries. There is no greater honor than to be connected with missions. The record of the Moravian Churches, according to Dr. John R. Mott, is that ''one in every sixty is a missionary, while, in other Protestant Churches, the proportion is one in every five thousand.'' To be a child of the Mission (*i.e.,* one whose parents have been missionaries) is the highest praise that can be given. As the Bishop of Salisbury said at the closing meeting, ''It is heartening to us who have difficulty in keeping our missionary end up in England to see how missions are in evidence everywhere in Herrnhut; even the streets and shops have missionary designations!''

There are boys' schools and girls' schools in Herrnhut—all under the mission, and there are Sisters' Houses, Brothers' Houses, and Widows' and Widowers' Homes, and a Training School for Theological students.

In the few moments of leisure during the Council Meeting, the delegates visited the little hill behind the town, on whose gentle slopes were the Zinzendorf graves. At the top of the graveyard was the war memorial with 70 names. On the front of the central pillar was the Moravian symbol of the lamb, and on the back the Iron Cross.

Herrnhut is right in the stream of national life, as it is built on either side of the main road to the Czecho-Slovakian frontier which is about twenty miles distant. One Sunday a motor speed test competition (beginning at 4 a.m. and lasting most of the day) passed through the town. But these untoward happenings do not ruffle the deep peace that abides in the little company that keeps the ''Lord's Watch'' (Herrn-hut) in Saxony.

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THE expectations of the founders of our Presbyterian Residences are being fulfilled, as first one and then another of the students who have been resident in the Residences are seen taking their places as leaders of religious or benevolent organizations in their home town.

Just recently the Vegreville paper contained an account of the splendid work being done by the Hairy Hill branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society. The President, G. M. Mihalcheon, who ably conducted the meeting, the newly elected Vice-President, Miss M. Makowichuk, and one of the collectors, Miss Mary Makowichuk, were all students in our Presbyterian Residences at Vegreville.

At the meeting the hope was expressed that, while the financial situation was not good, that economies with the members begin elsewhere, and that no curtailment of any kind take place in the support of this great work. The sum sent to headquarters by this branch for 1931 amounted to $59.25.

Miss M. Makowichuk is ''Martha'' of whom the members have all heard. She is now teaching grades 1 to 5 in the Hairy Hill school—a two-room school in her home town.

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PARENTS and all those interested in the religious education of Canadian youth will be interested to know that a series of graded Bible readings, selected by an interdenominational committee and approved by the Minister of Education, has been published by the Macmillan Company, Toronto. These readings are in three volumes. Volume I is for children under nine years of age; Volume II for the use of children of nine and ten; Volume III for use with older children. Each volume contains a reading for each day in the school year with special readings for Armistice and Thanksgiving Day, Christmas and Easter. The readings are all chosen in harmony with the needs of the pupils concerned. These books are now ready for use in the public schools wherever approved by the local Board of Education.

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IT has been said that ''most of our life is regulated by habit, it is the most persistent friend or foe we can have, it can determine the ease and efficiency with which we do our work.''

As we look forward to our winter's work remember this, habits *will* be formed and if we do not form a good habit it will be a careless or a bad habit. Does your Auxiliary meeting always begin late? Then let us establish the good habit of starting on time. Do we have long, drawn out, unbusinesslike sessions? Let us transact more business in the executive meetings and just bring the findings to the regular meeting. Have you found the habit of indifference in attendance? Let us start the winter's work in earnest with a good programme. Check up monthly on absentee members, telephone them about the meeting or call and bring them. Are your financial obligations met regularly? Are you lax in your devotional life? Resolve to form the habit of regularity in Bible reading and prayer. Make Habit a Help not a Hindrance in your missionary work this year.

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Your Editor, Miss Mamie C. G. Fraser, asks that, in future, all letters or material intended for *Glad Tidings* be sent to her office address: Room 700, 372 Bay Street, Toronto.

# Budget Deficit Campaign Messages

## GENERAL IMPRESSIONS BY DR. A. S. GRANT

DR. A. S. GRANT, General Secretary of the Board of Missions, who has just returned from visiting the Presbyteries, from St. John's, Newfoundland, to Victoria, B.C., in the interest of the Budget Deficit and Extension Fund, has this to say to the women of our Church and W.M.S. regarding conditions in the country.

I never saw in all my experience so universally abundant crops of vegetables, fruit, hay, grain, and especially wheat. There did not seem to be many places between the east and west where there was failure.

Next, I found the spirit of the people to be buoyant and optimistic. That impression was gained from contact with laymen and clergymen, not only in Presbytery meetings, but also in meeting outsiders.

The work of the Church generally showed marked advance. All our missionary work was in good condition and showed signs of progress. When we came to deal with the question of our plan for the raising of our Budget Deficit and Church Extension Fund, every Presbytery of the Church received the report with enthusiasm, approved of the general plan, accepted their particular apportionment, although in many cases it implied sacrificial giving, and appointed a representative committee to follow up over the two year period the raising of the amount asked for.

I never met with such enthusiasm and encouragement, notwithstanding the fact that we were trying to wipe out a deficit in a time of depression.

Even in the burnt-out districts of western Canada the people are full of optimism. In these districts they expressed their appreciation of the assistance that was given in the matter of food and clothing.

The response that came from our people in the east, in spite of the depression, was simply wonderful. We got all the clothing and food and money we were asked for and met our share of relief.

### Re Raising the Sum Needed to Wipe Out the Deficit

1. We have $22,000.00 of it paid already.
2. We have $81,000.00 from the "One Step Forward."
3. We have the promise of $75,000.00, and it will be available when we have met our deficit up to that point.
4. There is no question at all in my mind about the W.M.S. East and West raising $30,000.00.

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## PROVINCIAL MESSAGES

*Alberta.*—"The Boxes, etc., have all been delivered without any expense to the W.M.S. Next week I am going to Banff, Red Deer, Carstairs, High River, Cayley, and Bassano to present the matter. We are hoping for a good return. I am prepared to visit every Auxiliary if needed."—*Mrs. F. W. Allott*

*British Columbia.*—''An Autumn Rally, always a popular meeting of Westminster Presbyterial, is being held October 4th, when a special feature of the programme will be the Cent-a-Week Campaign. I had quite an enthusiastic letter from the new Secretary of Kamloops-Okanagan after their Annual Presbyterial Meeting. She says they gladly accepted the Cent-a-Week plan leaving Auxiliaries to formulate their own plans for collection.''—*Mrs. Jas. Herd.*

*Manitoba.*—''Have distributed a good many of the Boxes and Fact Sheets to date, and will have them all out in a few days.''—*Mrs. R. F. Rorke.*

*Ontario.*—''To carry out the plan we have appointed a key woman for the Provincial, and are asking the appointment of a key woman in each Presbyterial who will organize within her Presbyterial, gather the contributions quarterly and forward them to the Provincial Treasurer.—*Mrs. W. A. McLennan.*

Ontario at its semi-annual Board Meeting gave up one session to the presentation of this plan.

*Quebec.*—The key women have distributed the Fact Sheets and have written asking for more.

*Saskatchewan.*—''The Boxes and Fact Sheets are out on their mission having been distributed to all the Auxiliaries. Silver and coppers are still scarce but I am sure our women will do their best.''—*Mrs. H. R. Horne.*

# "And He Ministered Unto Them"

### A Story in Brief of the Establishing of Medical Work by the W.M.S.

IN this number, devoted as it is to our medical mission work in Canada, it might be well to review briefly the reason that led to the W.M.S. entering this new field of national service.

Looking into the records we learn that the early history of our medical missions in Canada was strangely linked with the discovery of gold and the consequent influx of prospectors into the Klondyke of northern British Columbia. Although gold was first found in Alaska by the Russians in 1832, it remained for a Scotchman, Robert Henderson, of Pictou, Nova Scotia, to discover the Klondyke and Indian River gold fields of the Yukon in the years of 1894 to 1896.

In 1897, thousands of men from every quarter of the globe were ''on the trail.'' The Rev. James Robertson, D.D., missionary superintendent and a man of great vision, decided that the Church must follow these miners. The appeal for men and means was made. The Presbyterian Church was roused to action, and, in no time, the Revs. R. M. Dickey, A. S. Grant, John Pringle and J. A. Sinclair had planted the standard of our Church in Skagway, Dawson, Atlin and Bennet, their respective fields extending from one hundred to three hundred miles.

Conditions incident upon pioneer life soon played havoc with the physical side of the men in the camps and the missionary was obliged to provide accommodation for the sick miners. At Atlin, Rev. John Pringle erected a small tent where the more serious pneumonia and typhoid cases were treated. There were 1,200 miners in Atlin and the sick were nursed in strange places.

After a visit to one of these so-called hospitals the missionary decided to appeal to the home Church for two nurses. This request led to the foundation, in St. Andrew's Church, King Street, Toronto, of the ''Atlin Nurses Committee'' and the sending out of two nurses, Miss E. H. Mitchell and Miss Helen Bone. Writing home that fall, Dr. Pringle declared that the work of these nurses had done more to make the people believe that the spirit of Christ existed in the Church than could a year's preaching.

In 1900 St. Andrew's Hospital was built in Atlin. While this hospital is no longer under the care of the W.M.S., the Society had a share in the beginning of hospital work on the frontiers or adjoining large foreign colonies.

In 1905 the late Rev. J. C. Herdman, D.D., missionary superintendent, appealed to the W.M.S. for a hospital to minister to a foreign colony of some 45,000 people adjacent to Vegreville, Alta. This settlement was composed largely of Ukrainians, or as they were then called, ''Ruthenians,'' being the interpretation for Little Russians. The erection of a hospital to serve these people was made possible by the gift of Mrs. Boswell, of Elora, Ontario, as a memorial to her late husband, Mr. Rolland M. Boswell, after whom the hospital was named. On October 29, 1906, it was formally opened and dedicated.

In these early days many of the patients were strangers in Canada and did not know the language. They did not understand the object in opening a hospital for their use, and only when every other means for their relief failed, were they persuaded to go there. However, upon entering, they found clean white beds, kindly treatment, Christian nurses, efficient doctors and quiet, peaceful surroundings. With rugged constitutions they, in many cases, responded to treatment and returned home to tell others how they had been helped and what they had learned, and that in serving them thus the W.M.S. was trying to follow in the footsteps of the Great Physician.

To instance the different nationalities in the three newly formed foreign colonies, it is recorded that in 1911 in the 19,000 applications for homesteads in Alberta, 27 nationalities were represented. Austria, Hungary, Russia, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Holland, Denmark, France, Belgium, Switzerland, Roumania, Italy, Iceland, China, Persia, Turkey, Spain, Portugal, Japan and Greece all sent representatives to the lands of Alberta.

That these people were not the weaklings or the ne'er-do-wells of any nation but the strong, the virile, those who are willing to risk and dare for themselves and their families, is the testimony of one who is familiar with Alberta and its problems and possiblities. To help to weld into one great nationality all these diverse elements that were flocking into that western land, to seek to make out of these divergent heterogeneous masses, who were settling in sunny Alberta, a great God-fearing people, established in righteousness, whose God is the Lord, was the purpose in mind in establishing medical work at Vegreville.

In June, 1914, a second memorial hospital was erected in the town of Canora, Sask., because of its proximity to a Ukrainian colony of some thirty thousand souls. The establishing of medical missionary work at this important centre was made possible through a munificent donation of twenty-five thousand dollars from Mrs. Hugh Waddell, of Peterborough, Ontario, in memory of her husband. This gift was supplemented by a free site of ten acres from Mr. Graham, of Canora, and an annual grant from the Canora Council for maintenance. This hospital is valued at $50,000 and has accommodation for sixty patients and is an institution of which our Church may be justly proud.

In 1925, at the insistent appeal from South Porcupine, Northern Ontario, for a hospital to serve the shifting population of twenty thousand people in the township of Tisdale, one of the wealthiest mining districts in Northern Ontario, a small two storey building was purchased and transformed into an up-to-date hospital. The formal dedication took place February 17th, 1926, when Rev. J. A. MacInnis, of New Liskeard, Moderator and Clerk of the Presbytery of North Bay-Temiskaming, designated the building ''to its special function of ministering to the sick and suffering so that the recipients of skill and Christian care should be convinced that the hospital was born of the Master's desire that His servants might ever be found going about doing good.''

The ''infant Hospital Unit'' was located at Fort McMurray, Alta., a point three hundred miles north of Edmonton, at the junction of the Athabasca and Clear Water rivers. It was once a Hudson's Bay Company sentinel post and much of the romantic past was associated with it. The loneliness and hardship of the settlers at that time, appealed to the W.M.S. A small log house was secured in April, 1926, and Miss Olive Ross, a qualified nurse who had seen overseas service in the Great War, was appointed Superintendent and, for over five years, carried on her ministry of help and healing. In 1931, the need for the hospital not being so great, on the advice of the Alberta Advisory Committee, the hospital was closed, the Superintendent withdrawing May 1st. At the request of the people an ordained minister was sent in by the Board of Missions, the money spent by the W.M.S. on the hospital going towards his salary.

# The "Rolland M. Boswell" Hospital Vegreville, Alberta

MISS A. L. MCPHERSON, SUPERINTENDENT

THE "Rolland M. Boswell" Hospital was established in 1906. It is a twenty-bed hospital, with a well-equipped operating room, case-room, nursery and sterilizing room, with three electric sterilizers and two supply cupboards.

We serve a constituency extending about forty miles north and east, and twenty miles south and west. Last year we treated 369 patients—205 medical cases, 92 surgical and 72 obstetrical. These patients were of British, German, Ukrainian, Roumanian and Polish origin.

"Rolland M. Boswell" Hospital and Nurses' Home

Our staff consists of a superintendent and two nurses, a janitor, cook, maid and laundress. Our janitor does all the decorating, painting, and most of the repairing and plumbing. We have a splendid garden that supplies us with sufficient vegetables for the year.

Our Ladies' Hospital Aid are a wonderful band of women, and are a great help to us. These ladies are from all Protestant churches, and from the Vegreville Jewish Auxiliary. They keep the nurses' home in repair, and, this year, have given us new curtains, rugs and cushions; have re-covered our furnture, and paid for all paint used in the home, and given us a five hundred dollar frigidaire for our hospital. We receive one hundred quarts of fruit every year from their annual fruit shower. We meet once a month at the homes of the different members. The ladies mend for the hospital during these meetings. We tell them our needs, and before next meeting we usually have what we asked for.

The townspeople appreciate the work of the hospital, and show it by their generous response to our Hospital Aid ladies when they make their annual hospital collections, and by their donations to their annual tea, and fruit shower. Considering the conditions in our town and district we feel that we have been very fortunate in being able to collect a number of large accounts for indigent patients from both town and municipalities.

The generous bales from our different Presbyterials are a great help to us in our work. We have so many little patients who are in need of clothing, and who have very few toys and dolls. We keep a list of these, and send a box to them at Christmas. From our bales we clothe many needy babies. A great many of those who receive help are very grateful and bring us chickens or vegetables at Christmas. One little girl was heart-broken because the hail destroyed her garden and she could not bring us flowers. We had remembered her at Christmas. Another little ex-patient brought us the vegetables she had at the school fair. We would like to take space here to tell the women and girls of our W.M.S. how much we appreciate their assistance, and how many are helped from their generous bales.

Miss MacPherson and two of her little patients

We have now a modern, fully equipped case room. This is a gift from the Eastern Star of Vegreville and cost about three hundred dollars. It is a wonderful gift for any hospital to receive. We have many maternity patients here, and were so badly in need of new equipment. This past month we appreciate it more than ever, as it has been our busiest month in maternity work this year.

We do not feel as if the featuring of our hospital would be complete without mentioning our good Dr. Reid. He brings all his patients here. We have his loyal support at all times and co-operation in everything affecting the welfare of the hospital. We bring all our hospital worries to him, and are helped by his wise advice.

The past few years have been very hard for all hospitals. We have a great many non-paying patients. We have indeed been doing mission work these last few years. Besides caring for these patients gratis, we frequently help with clothing, bedding, and, in several cases, have sent vegetables from our garden. In almost every instance they are worthy, and appreciate what is done for them. We take wood, meat, chickens, and all kinds of produce on account. With the price of grain so low that is the only way the poor farmer can pay his accounts.

# Vegreville of the Past, Present and Future

THE town of Vegreville, Alberta, derives its name from Father Vegreville, who was instrumental in establishing a colony of French Canadians in the district in the year 1894. The first of the English speaking settlers came in the same year. A community centre developed on a site that is still referred to as ''The Old Town''.

With the building of the Canadian Northern Railway through the district, in 1905, the little hamlet of Vegreville picked itself up bodily, moved to the railway line, and settled down on a waiting subdivision newly surveyed and put on the market by the railway company. The movement from the old town was completed in the winter of 1905-6. *The Vegreville Observer* was established in March, the community was incorporated as a village in April and erected to the status of a town in August, all of 1906.

Settlement of the district proceeded at a rapid pace, and Vegreville from the first served as the supply base of the pioneering movement not only for what is now the Vegreville constituency but for the immense north land which stretches beyond the Saskatchewan as well.

Vegreville did not always enjoy the strategic position that guarantees its future to-day. A few years ago its maintenance as a centre rested solely on the courage and organized effort of its citizens. It must be deliberately fashioned into a centre that would appeal to the whole constituency as such. Recognizing this, it earnestly set itself about the task. It set out to be, and has become an important educational centre, drawing for its higher courses, pupils from the towns and rural sections of a wide area. Through the early provision of such utilities as waterworks, sewerage, electric light, power, and other municipal improvements, it has offered what no other town between Edmonton and North Battleford had to offer to either industry, government institution, or the home seeking retired farmer. It has led in the stimulation of scientific agriculture through exhibition work. Its merchants have vied one with the other in extending a public service that has made it a shopping centre that draws patronage from the entire district. Its social service bodies have been unceasing in their efforts for all that is in the best interest of the rural community. To all of this, development of Vegreville as a Hospitalization, Judicial, Railway Distribution, Industrial and Military centre, came as the natural sequence.

As Vegreville flourished in the early days as the supply base of a great land seeking movement, it later prospered as a thriving marketing town. It now has definitely entered a new phase in its existence, that of a wholesale distributing centre, with interesting and far reaching possibilities.

—J. E. Fitzaller in *The Vegreville Observer (abridged).*

# The Pioneer Medical Adviser

## Experiences of a Country Doctor in a New Town

IT is a far cry from the old settlement of Vegreville where I landed twenty-nine years ago to the Vegreville of to-day.

The Robertson brothers supplied the necessities of the homesteaders and what George didn't have in stock Ed was sure to have in his wagon somewhere on the hundred mile trail that led to Edmonton, the centre of supplies. We got our mail twice a month if fortune favored Ole Hanson, the mail carrier, with fair weather and passable roads. In the wet season there was just one mud hole between Vegreville and Edmonton, and that covered the whole distance. No one thought of starting out without a grub box with sufficient food to last for days and blankets in which to wrap oneself when darkness called a halt. Freighters travelled in companies in order that they might double up and pull each other out of the numerous sloughs. Splendid horses died by the score when lowered resistance made them easy victims of the dread swamp fever, and many a settler who came into the country well equipped with good teams, was obliged to fall back on the ox team to put in his crop.

My colleague, Doctor Archer, who was located fifty miles away at Star, and I, were the only two medical men between Fort Saskatchewan and Old Battleford. There were no cars west of Winnipeg and all our travelling was done with horses. A trip to St. Paul meant being away for two days and not unlikely a call was waiting to go as far in another direction on my return home. There was little money in the country and the doctor received a good portion of his fees in hay, oats, cattle and pigs, but expenses were low and the gratitude of the people more than compensated for the loss of regular fees. And so we lived as one big family in a community knit together by the bonds of friendship that can only be found in pioneer life.

The serenity of life was occasionally marred by the introduction of some disturbing element, but on the whole there was a fellowship that is lacking in modern life. Sickness or death always brought a ready response of help from the friendly neighbors, and troubles of one touched the life of all.

The religious life of the people was not forgotten and the present generation owes much to the ministers and early settlers who built well the foundations of character and right living. Harmony prevailed until political issues were introduced and then of course every one took the side of his forefathers in politics and fought with vigor his political opponent.

The houses were built largely of logs with sod roofs, but the more ambitious brought in a few bunches of shingles from Edmonton. The doctor's house on the knoll, was built entirely of native lumber hauled from St. Paul and was completed and all ready for occupancy for the doctor and his wife in less than a week by two workmen, for the magnificent sum of one hundred and seventy-five dollars—contract price for the material and labor. One good friend dug and curbed a well for ten dollars and threw in a load of hay to cover the roof of the stable in the bargain.

The teacher presided over the school and devoted his spare time to his garden, where a mass of bloom surrounded his pill box of a house.

There were no specialists in those days to whom I could refer the difficult cases, or confrères with whom I might consult, so when one good friend broke his jaw in two places, I had to take the wire from a broom and bring the fragments together and leave him to the kindly mercy of Providence. Fortunately he got a perfect union and could soon chew the toughest of beef.

I shall never forget the kind friends who broke the trails for me when it was almost impossible to reach my destination owing to the drifting snow, or carried me on their backs over sloughs through which I could not drive, or the good friend who rescued me from freezing to death one bitter cold night when he found me sleeping soundly in my cutter on the prairie. My horses had become bewildered in the storm and got off the trail. I usually trusted to their keen sense of direction to take me home while I caught up some lost sleep.

Those were strenuous years and used up a good deal of reserve energy, but I have never begrudged them and they were the happiest of my whole professional career.—W. T. Rush, M.D., in the *Vegreville Observer* (Abridged).

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# Ukrainians and Their Progress in the West During Thirty Years

This article, which we reproduce in part, was written by Peter Svarich, and appeared in the 25th anniversary number of the *Vegreville Observer*. Mr. Svarich was one of the advance guard which spied out the land preparatory to the immigration of the Ukrainians. He is deeply interested in the progress of the Ukrainians and gives them every possible assistance. He is an ardent lover of flowers, is the mainstay of the Vegreville Horticultural Society. He is also a member of the Town Planning Commission and the Public School Board.—Editor.

### Original Settlers

THE majority of Ukrainian settlers came to Alberta between 1898 and 1910 and took up the homesteads between Bruderheim and Vermilion, north of the C.N.R. to the North Saskatchewan River and later north of the river from Radway to St. Paul. This settlement comprises a solid block of about 60 miles in both directions.

The original settlers were named Austrians, as they came from Austria, also Galicians and Bukowinians, because of the provinces from which they came. Some mistook them for Dukhobors who came from Russia. Later they were called Ruthenians which was the name applied to them by the Germans in Austria. After the Great War when the Ukrainian Republic was proclaimed in 1918, the old traditional and historic name ''Ukrainians'' came into prominence.

### Rapid Progress

During the first years of homesteading the Ukrainian settlers had very little or no funds for their life necessities, so they were compelled to hunt for jobs among the old settlers at from $10 to $15 per month, in towns at 15c. to 20c. per hour, or on the railways at $1.25 per 10-hour day. Whatever was earned in the summer months was invested in cows, horses, and necessary farm implements. They managed to clear and break from 5 to 10 acres during the summer and increased the acreage of cultivated land little by little. By practising mixed farming, they soon became independent, grew richer and acquired more land in the neighborhood. During the years of war they had hundreds of acres in crop and large herds of cattle and horses. Since the war, conditions have changed and accordingly the amount of live stock was decreased and tractors introduced for draught horses; more land was bought and opened up for production of wheat. Modern farm houses and barns have been erected, expensive cars and trucks bought to keep up with the times. Many of those who were worthless 20 years before, were rated by banks at twenty to thirty thousand dollars and good for a note of $2,000 to $3,000.

Their rapid progress was partly due to their solid settlement as they had a chance to help each other in many ways in developing farms and competing with each other in putting up better machinery and stock, as evidently it gave them more satisfaction to be compared with their own countrymen than with the English, Scotch or Norwegians. Those living in compact blocks have retained more of their original characteristics, such as language, religion, charity, hospitality, and handicraft work, than those who are bordering and mixing in with other nationalities as they lost more than they have acquired.

### Assimilation

The assimilation of Ukrainians is noticeable among the younger generation which has been brought up in Canada. They are absorbing Canadian civilization very rapidly but it's a pity to say that they sooner take after good times, fine dresses, more fun and luxuries and less work. They organize literary societies and build community halls, play games, compete with each other in debates and sports. There is a prevailing spirit at present to organize co-operative societies for handling the products for sale and goods for supply. School children learn to speak

English not only at school but in private homes and in public places. They like it better than their own mother tongue.

### Religion

About half of the Ukrainian population belongs to the Greek Catholic church, some to the Roman Catholic. The other half are members of the Greek Orthodox church. Small numbers belong to various Protestant churches or are indifferent. As a rule they are very much devoted to the church they belong to and the religious tolerance among them as yet needs more goodwill on the part of their priests for improvement. There are many churches built in these settlements and some of them are imposing in style, size and finish.

### Education

Twenty-five years ago the education of Ukrainian speaking school children was a great problem for the department of education. The land was sparsely settled with poor settlers; no roads, teachers were scarce and not anxious to teach among the foreigners. Therefore an official organizer and supervisor was appointed to organize school districts, to help elect the trustees, train them for the job, select the teachers, and find secretary-treasurers and look after the management of the schools in case of a hitch. The country schools were in operation only during the summer months and closed in winter. The attendance was irregular, interest was lacking, the progress was poor and discouraging to the English teachers. In 1913, the department of eduaction established in Vegreville the English School for Foreigners wherein Ukrainian boys with high school education obtained in the old country, were trained in English and prepared for the Normal school. Four years later there were about thirty teachers of Ukrainian parentage properly trained to teach country schools. They could handle the beginners easier and to better advantage than any other teachers and the progress and interest were stimulated. From now on many of the Ukrainian boys and girls, especially those who live in towns, are ambitious to go through the high and Normal schools and become teachers.

The schools have been in operation all the year round and the attendance has been improved to such an extent that in recent years it was found necessary to build two-room modern schools or add one more to the old school building in order to accommodate the children of school age. Several school districts have started high school grades and now there are over 200 students in high school in the northern half of Vegreville Inspectorate, while only ten years ago in those same schools children hardly attained grade 5 or 6. Besides those in high schools, there are several of them trained in the technical and Normal schools, in agricultural and business colleges, also in the theological college at Mundare.

### Politics

In general and in all respects the Ukrainians as citizens of Canada understand it properly and fully that they are a part of the Canadian nation or in brief Canadians. They hold dearly Canadian institutions and fair British rights and justice prevailing therein. They feel proud and satisfied of the recognition brought about by the recent C.N.R. competition during which they carried away nine of the fifteen rewards offered by the company in Western Canada among Central European settlers. They are able, willing and anxious to mix in with all Canadians; organize, join and support all loyal Canadian organizations and societies, and to promote progress, welfare and good fellowship of this country.

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# Talk About Economy!

### Extracts from letters from our Presbyterian Residences and Hospital, Vegreville, Alta.

''WE expect a little girl from the Battle River Area, Peace River. Her people live 48 miles from the end of steel and farther from a school. They are homesteading.''

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''We have all our vegetables in except the turnips and parsnips. Our crop is pretty fair but will not be enough to keep us going all term. However, we are getting a lot from the farmers and have grain, pork, beef, lamb, mutton, fowl, turkey, ducks and flour promised us so we will not starve. People may not have money but it seems they have plenty to eat.

''One man brought me 24 bushels of wheat last week at 30c. per bushel. I had it gristed and now I have 1,100 lbs. of flour, 150 lbs. of cream-of-wheat, 100 lbs. of 2nd grade flour (quite good enough for gravy, and thickening), 5 sacks of bran, 5 sacks of shorts (2 bushel sacks). After paying for wheat, gristing and cartage we figure our flour costs us $1.00 per hundredweight, the cream-of-wheat, 2c. per lb. and the rest free. That is pretty good financing, isn't it? Mrs. Miller is baking all the bread this year for both Residences. The other day she figured that 17 loaves of bread and 11 dozen buns only cost 35c. at the price we paid for our flour and, at the store, this would have cost $2.65, so with such an economical cook we should be able to keep going this winter and not cost the Society too much.''

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''Mrs. Miller and I both entered in the Vegreville Fair, August 2nd and 3rd. They had baking, canned fruit, vegetables, meat, chickens, pickles, dressed fowl, broilers, flowers and garden truck, and we carried off many 1st and 2nd prizes, $12.00 all told. When we receive the money, we are going to buy peaches and pears to do down. We bought fruit during the summer months and made jam, jelly and canned fruit. Mrs. Miller figures that she has saved $16.00, counting sugar and fruit, in the amount she had done down for both residences, that is, if we had to buy the jam at the store.

''We have about 150 young chickens, so the roosters will give us a good many Sunday dinners this fall. We try to keep about 45 hens through the winter. . . . . .''—*Mrs. A. Robertson.*

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''The gardens are not so good this year as last owing to the dry, hot wind, but ours did very well. We have had all the fresh vegetables we need and have canned nearly 200 quarts. The school children had their Annual Fair this week, (Sept. 10). They sent a lot of the vegetables to the hospital. The children at the Residences won a number of prizes for the vegetables they exhibited.''—*Miss MacPherson.*

## "Hugh Waddell" Memorial Hospital, Canora, Saskatchewan

Miss Mary W. Cuddy, Superintendent

THE first railway to come through our district was the ''The Canadian Northern Railway,'' from which we derive our name, arrived at by taking the first two letters in each word, Ca-no-ra. The town was incorporated about 1911 while the ''Hugh Waddell Memorial'' was built in 1913,—a general hospital of fifty beds.

We have passing through our doors each year over five hundred patients of various nationalities, many speaking little English and perhaps for the first time in their lives having to accept Canadian standards of living. Sixty per cent. of our patients are New Canadian, mainly Doukhobor, Ukrainian, Ruthenian and Polish, a people still very much in spirit of the land of their ancestors. ''Tomorrow'' he will be a Canadian but we must see to it that the link that joins the yesterday to the tomorrow is strong, sensible, and secure, fashioned with that only which is kind and enduring. In many cases we, through our work, are perhaps giving them their first impression of Canadian standards and ideals, hence our nurse who ministers to them must have an understanding heart and an all-seeing eye, her sympathy must reach out and convey to them wholeheartedly the knowledge that the country to which they have come is a Christian country dominated by Christ's ideals. Can we really know how far her influence or work reaches?

Our district, while not as large as when the hospital was built, still reaches far north and west. Being mainly rural we have not at the present time much ready cash but most of the patients coming in are anxious to, at least, meet part of their indebtedness and many bring in farm products on accounts. The rural municipalities we serve have all been severely affected financially, especially during the last two years and so have not been able to meet their hospital accounts, but are ready to do so when financially able. In the past they have met their obligations splendidly. The town of Canora gives us a yearly grant and the various organizations have given us loyal support which we have specially appreciated through this last year.

Viewing our work from a professional standpoint we have found the results most satisfactory. Through the kind generosity of the various organizations of our own Church and local organizations we have splendid equipment not only in our operating room but throughout all departments.

"Hugh Waddell Memorial" Hospital

A knowledge of the spoken language of the field is almost imperative. Lack of it means a barrier that is almost unsurmountable, a gate that will close across the pathway that leads to a closer friendship and a clearer understanding of these people we serve.

### Location and Description of Hospital

The hospital is situated about a mile south of the town of Canora, Saskatchewan, in a quiet place away from main roads and highways. The grounds are spacious and beautified by trees, flowers and shrubbery. There are gravelled driveways leading to the hospital and home.

The hospital is a three storey brick structure, with a basement. In the basement there is a large engine room in which are furnaces and steam boilers for heating purposes. Then there is the laundry with electric washer, wringer, mangle and irons, also steam dryers for use in cold and wet weather. Next is the large and convenient kitchen with built-in cupboards, a two oven stove, handy sink and three pantries. Off the kitchen is a bright and airy dining room. In the basement there are two sleeping rooms for the men workers.

On the first floor there are the offices, men's general and semi-private wards, children's ward, and modern x-ray room. There is a diet kitchen, laboratory and a service room conveniently equipped.

The second floor has four well furnished private wards, the women's general ward and a comfortable maternity ward also diet kitchen and service room.

On the third floor is the convenient operation room, with sky window, shadowless lamp and modern sterilizers. Then there is the small but handy case-room and a nursery with six cribs. The store room and supply room are also on this floor and at the south end is a suite of three rooms for the Superintendent.

Each floor has built-in linen closets. The hospital also has an electric elevator and dumb waiters. These dumb waiters are used for elevating the food from the kitchen to the diet kitchens on the flats for the patients. The patients have their meals at seven, twelve and five.

To the south of the hospital is a five room isolation home with three bedrooms, a bathroom and kitchen.

The nurses' home is to the north of the hospital. It is a comfortable two-storey building with sixteen bedrooms, two parlors, baths and a sleeping porch.

A large garden is kept which supplies vegetables for all winter. The hospital also has its own cows and chickens, so has enough milk and eggs for the patients.

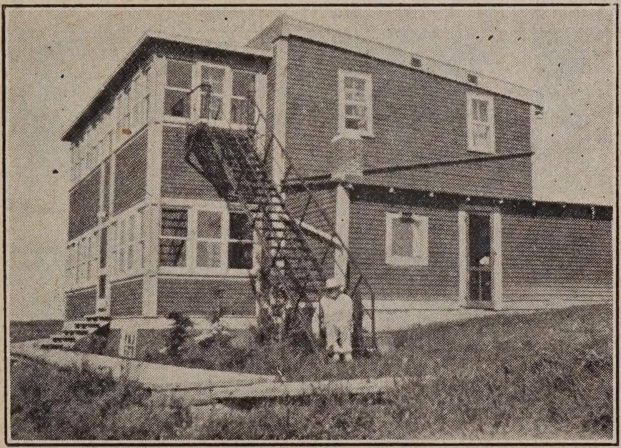
# Presbyterian Hospital, South Porcupine, Ontario

MISS M. B. WENGER, SUPERINTENDENT

SET on a hill overlooking the town of South Porcupine and Porcupine Lake the Presbyterian Hospital is ideally situated to carry on the work it instituted some six and a half years ago, under the guidance of Miss Chambers, the first Superintendent.

The South Porcupine Hospital was opened in the month of February, 1926. It was then equipped to care for four female patients on the upper floor and four male patients in one ward on the lower floor. Later there was added a large sun porch on each floor across the front of the hospital, the upper floor being converted into a four-bed ward for women, the lower floor being used for waiting room and for convalescent male patients. With the addition of the sun porches the two rooms on the upper floor, formerly used as wards, were converted into private rooms, or used for overflow wards, either from the male or female wards. They are also often used as a temporary public ward after a serious operation where it is not advisable to carry a patient downstairs.

Due to the continued demand for room, and the necessity of having a nursery for the babies, a residence was obtained for the nurses and their room turned into a nursery, so that at the present time we have on the upper floor a four-room ward for female patients, two private rooms, nursery, operating room and bath room. On the ground floor is the sun porch, office, four-bed ward, kitchen, and dining room for the staff, also linen room and small room for the orderly. The linen room and the orderly's room are in a lean-to attached to the main building. The basement is divided into two compartments, a store room for supplies, the balance of the space being used as laundry and furnace room.



Presbyterian Hospital, South Porcupine

On the east and south sides of the hospital are lots 40 by 100 feet, the one on the east being under cultivation for some time, but the other one, only for two years. In these lots we have grown potatoes and vegetables for hospital use. This ground, when improved a little more, should supply a considerable quantity of our winter staple vegetables, and an effort is being made to surround the grounds with a laurel willow hedge, which will serve the dual purpose of a wind break and improve the appearance of the property.

Since the opening of the hospital in 1926, to date, an average of 223 patients have been treated per year, besides 100 or more local residents who have been treated for cuts, bruises, dressings, massage, etc., who were not detained in the hospital. There have been people of 20 different nationalities treated in the hospital including 886 British subjects, 206 Finlanders, 48 Italians, 33 Poles, 24 Ukrainians, 24 Americans, 12 Austrians, 11 Roumanians, 11 Russians, 11 Swedes, the balance being made up of Danes, Norwegians, Croatians, Jugo Slavians, Dutch, Esthonians, Germans, Syrians, Swiss, Slovakians.

The religious beliefs include 817 Protestants, 368 Roman Catholics, Greek Orthodox, Jews, Christian Scientist, Quaker, and one who professed no religion.

Some of the Neighborhood Children

Our patients come from a widely scattered area north, south and east. Six miles to the west of us, however, in the town of Timmins, is a large hospital conducted by the Sisters of Providence, which naturally cares for the greater majority of the sick in that town and the adjoining town of Schumacher. The greater percentage of the patients are connected with the gold mining or lumbering industries. The lumber industry which in normal times employs a large number of men, is, at the present time, practically at a standstill. This condition also accounts for practically all the indigent cases treated during the past two years.

The municipality of the Township of Tisdale, has up to the present time, supplied the hospital with free water and electricity and for three and a half years supplied the nurses' residence with power and water.

Due to a drastic economy campaign this privilege in the Residence was discontinued at the beginning of the present year.

Since the opening of the hospital a total of 552 operations have been performed, 322 being minor and 230 major operations. There have been 45 deaths and 10 stillborn babies.

In the accompanying snapshot of the hospital will be noticed one of the patients. This man, some 65 years of age, was an indigent patient for over two years, and greatly appreciated any little act that was done to make his last days comfortable.

All babies born in the hospital are presented with a complete layette, and during the past three years, families in poor circumstances have been assisted with clothing, quilts, etc. At Christmas, boxes of toys, garments, etc., are given to the most needy families. This year, the number will undoubtedly be greater than in former years. During the dry spell this summer some of the small farm settlements were wiped out by fire, leaving some of the families destitute. Here again we sent out a large bale of clothes and quilts to help these unfortunate settlers.

Due to the kindness of Dr. J. D. Kinsman, a very necessary addition was added to the nursery, this being a linen cupboard and dressing table combined.

The efficiency of the operating room was also greatly improved by a donation of one hundred dollars' worth of surgical instruments. These were very generously donated by Dr. J. B. McClinton. To these doctors we wish to extend our sincere thanks for these gifts.

## A MESSAGE FROM A BIBLE WOMAN FOR MANY YEARS

TRANSLATED BY MISS ADA ADAMS

Formosa.

*To the Teachers of the Mother Church ten thousand blessings:*

Even though I am of no importance I have received your great affection. Certainly I cannot thank you enough. I am always thinking of you but am not able to come and express it. Now as Miss Adams is going home and as I have no better method I will write a few words of greeting and thanks and ask her to take it to you. I pray that God may bless all that you do that it may bring great glory to His Holy Name.

This is my wish,

One whom you love,

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# *The Master's Touch*

*(Read by "Cheerio" at a meeting of the Cheerio Exchange)*

"HE touched her hand and the fever left her"
He touched her hand as He only can,
With the wondrous skill of the Great Physician
With the tender touch of the Son of Man.
And the fever-pain in the throbbing temples
Died out with the flush on brow and cheek
And the lips that had been so parched and burning
Trembled with thanks that she could not speak,
And the eyes where the fever light had faded
Looked up, by her grateful tears made dim,
And she rose and ministered in her household,
She rose and ministered unto Him.

"He touched her hand and the fever left her,"
We need His touch on our fevered hands!
The cool, still touch of the Man of Sorrows
Who knows us and loves us and understands.
To many, a life is one long fever!
A fever of getting, a fever of fretting.
A fever of hurrying here and there.
Ah, what if in winning the praise of others
We miss at the last the King's, "Well done?"
If our self-sought tasks in the Master's vineyard
Yield nothing-but-leaves at the set of sun?

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Or it may be a fever of pain and anger
When the wounded spirit is hard to bear
And only the Lord can draw forth the arrows
Left carelessly, cruelly rankling there.
Whatever the fever, His touch can heal it;
Whatever the tempest, His voice can still;
There is only rest as we seek His pleasure.
There is only rest as we choose His will.
And some day after life's fitful fever,
I think we shall say in the home on high,
"If the hand that He touched but did His bidding,
How little it matters what else went by."
Ah, Lord Thou knowest us all together
Each heart's sore sickness, whatever it be;
Touch Thou our hands! Let the fever leave us
So shall we minister unto Thee.

*—By Mary Lowe Dickinson.*

# Indian Women at Lizard Point Reserve Organize a W. M. S.

LIZARD POINT RESERVE, which is about eighteen miles from Birtle, was recently visited by several members of the Executive of Brandon Presbyterial. They went at the request of the Indian women, who were anxious to form a Women's Missionary Society in their Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Crump, ably assisted by their daughter, are the missionaries here and occupy the mission house, which overlooks a charming stretch of country. Splendid work is being carried on at this reserve. The little white frame Church is just across the road, and before many years will need to be replaced. Recently the Indians built a rustic bell-tower in the Church yard, which is quite a work of art. This was necessary as the one on the church was in such a condition they felt it unsafe to remain in the building when the bell was rung. The Church seats are wooden benches, and the walls are decorated with Bible pictures.

Mrs. Crump presided over one most interesting gathering of Indian women while her daughter managed the organ in a most skilful way considering that the stops have long ceased to function, and it can hardly be called a very musical instrument, but we forgot that in our meeting when we listened to a young woman, whom we had that morning visited in her tepee, sing sweetly and feelingly ''I'm not ashamed to own my Lord''. The singing of the hymns was very fine—the women taking the high notes with an ease sometimes lacking in missionary gatherings of white people. Besides their weekly prayer meetings every Thursday night they have choir practice, which means the whole congregation assembles and sings hymns. They enjoy this so much they have to be told when to go home.

Two mothers brought their babies to the meeting. They were neatly laced up on their moss bags which were fastened to bright red boards, during most of the time they exhibited the characteristic Indian patience and only occasionally gave voice to a mild protest. It would be impossible to look at that little gathering unmoved, after the glimpse we had in the morning into some of their homes and tepees. They seemed to contain so little that we consider necessary for comfort, and yet these women, who so recently themselves had learned the gospel story were anxious to have a part in an organization for the spreading of good news. A society was formed with Mrs. Crump as President and Mrs. Hugh McKay as Vice-President (her husband being a namesake of the late Rev. Hugh McKay of Round Lake).

A visit was also made to the Birtle Indian School. In the fine new building excellent work is being done under the very capable management of Mr. and Mrs. Currie and competent staff. After having had a glimpse of home conditions, it was a striking contrast to see the beautiful clean airy dormitories with everything in such perfect order, and the girls and boys being trained in their different duties as well as receiving a good education. It reflects great credit on those in charge, and proves the great value of this department of our missionary work.

# Duties of a Church and W. M. S. Member

(To illustrate the use of a medical vocabulary)

1. Diagnose condition of church and W.M.S.

    Two symptoms, { Ignorance, Indolence } Superinduced by Lack of conviction, Lack of sense of mission.

    Anæmic condition calling for this
    *Blue Bottle of Tonic.*

2. Prescribe with care.

    Not all the Tonic in one dose.

    Prescriptions—Programme meetings,—but there must be some sugar-coated pills and palatable powders. (Christian Science supplies a narcotic, a sedative, a sleeping potion. Such drugs lead to organic troubles, chronic disorders. Mark Twain said "Christian Science is a mental anæsthetic for those who cannot stand the pain of the world." Scientific Christianity supplies a panacea, an energizer.)

3. Convert some hospitals in this country into workshops.

    Many Protestant churches are hospitals, with wards for the ill and convalescent (those who have outings only on sunny Sundays—never mid-week evenings), with a small working staff of doctors and nurses; with a ward for some who are so near-sighted and cross-eyed that they do not see the need of missions abroad.

    This self-centered condition sometimes leads to adult paralysis.

    *Charts* in these hospitals show great variety of temperature. Sub-normal conditions exist.

    A standard of excellence is recommended.

    In reports and records, avoid "statistical dropsy."

    Posters should show vivid contrasts, *e.g.*, before and after taking Christianity.

4. Make health contagious.

    a. Think health. Energy and enthusiasm may become as catching as smallpox and influenza.

    b. Become "Intermediate Carriers" of health, strength, sympathy, instead of carrying poison germs of adverse criticism, aloofness. Consider the ''contagion of a triumphant spirit.''

c. Expose yourself to health germs, more than once a week or once a month.

d. Follow old-fashioned rule ''Keep head cool and feet warm.''

5. Recruit hospital force and supplies.

Note great need to-day of doctors, nurses, also of surgeons to perform operations of bloodless surgery, such as—Lopping off old methods and changing officers. Musicians are needed. Music has therapeutic value. The Missionary Hymnal is another Blue Bottle of Tonic.

Druggists are useful to distribute literature to aid in circulation (of ideas).

Osteopaths, chiropractors, stethoscopes (for heart action), X-ray machines, for discovering new methods. (Note:—Every human organization needs a constitution and should not run on by-laws alone. This applies to every missionary society.) —*Exchange.*

# Books Old and New

By Lereine Ballantyne

THE following are some of our gift suggestions for this year. We have been particularly fortunate in securing good books, attractively bound at very reasonable prices; in many cases so sharply reduced, that it will be possible to fill group orders with good discounts. Send the list required for prizes or Mission Band gifts, together with the age, sex of pupil, price, and whether fiction or missionary story is required, and we can make up parcels this year at surprisingly reasonable rates. We also sell hymn books in quantities, or gift editions.

### Christmas Plays

Write for your Christmas pageants or entertainment needs. We have some interesting plays, recitations and pageants.

### Adult Gift Books

THE WILHELMINA STITCH books of prose-poetry are delightful little gift volumes, for 35c. each.

THE HOLY SPIRIT, a little volume of spiritual thoughts beautifully written, and tracing the story of the Holy Spirit through the Bible. Price 30c.

ZERAH—the story of a little lad at the Inn in Bethlehem. One of the most beautiful Christmas stories ever written. Well bound in cloth, price each $1.00.

A KING AMONG MEN, by Mary Stewart, is a little volume retelling the stories Jesus told, for to-day. Well bound, excellent for young people. Price 50c.

THE FOUR MARY'S, by Agnes S. Turnbull, is the most beautiful gift book we have found this year. Done in red and gold it is the story of Mary of Nazareth, Mary of Magdala, Mary of Bethany and Mary of Capernaum. Price $1.50.

FOR SINNERS ONLY, by A. H. Russell, is a newspaper man's story of the Oxford Group movement which is sweeping the world in a quiet, wonderful Christian way. Four editions have been sold out in two months. Every Christian should read it. Price, per copy, $1.50.

THE MEN OF KILDONAN, by J. H. McCullough is a mighty story of rugged people. The name is enough to thrill every Presbyterian in Canada. Price, per copy, $2.25.

THE MAGNIFICENT OBSESSION, by Lloyd C. Douglas, is a remarkable story of a hospital doctor, who tried using Christianity and found it worked. Thousands of copies have been sold, so absorbing is the story. Price $2.50.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF KARL BARTH, by Dr. J. McConnachie, is a book our ministers are using widely. It gives the history meaning of Barth's great spiritual movement. Price $1.75.

THE FAR EAST is another new booklet by Stanley High, and deals with the situation in Japan and China. A most timely book, and very reasonable at 20c. per copy, paper bound. All our young people should read it.

Have you ordered your copy of Stanley High's leaflet, ''So You Don't Believe in Foreign Missions.'' It is only 5c. and worth reading.

PAUL THE DAUNTLESS is Basil Mathew's new book. It is a life of St. Paul for this day and generation, written with this author's well known skill and strength for dealing with great subjects. It will be widely welcomed in every community. Price $1.50.

These do not include our list of Junior books. Write for the Junior list, ranging from 20c. up, and send in your needs as early as possible for many lines will be sold early.

### Another Christmas Suggestion

A single subscription for the *Glad Tidings* (50c. for the year) makes a charming little gift for a personal friend. Pretty cards announcing the gift may be obtained from your *Glad Tidings* Secretary or from the W.M.S. Publications Office, Room 700, 372 Bay Street, Toronto.

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# OUR LETTER BOX

## MISSIONARY CONTACTS RENEWED

ETHEL REID BURKWALL

THERE never were better Keswick meetings than those held this year, and all the speakers were Chinese. Many times my heart went out in praise to God as I listened to these men as they gave such earnest testimony to our Lord Jesus Christ, and such heart searching addresses from His Word. As a friend said to me during the meetings, ''There is no higher standard set and no deeper teaching given anywhere in the world than at this Conference.'' And the best of it is that one feels these men are speaking of the experiences of their own lives and from the depths of their own souls.

Surely God is answering the prayers of years and raising up leaders among the Chinese themselves eminently fitted to lead their people out into the deep things of God. Again this year the need of being ''crucified with Christ,'' dying unto sin, and living unto God, was emphasized throughout the Conference.

I had two blind school graduates, friends of Kong Moon and Shek Ki days here with me for lunch. (They have been back at their old school, the Ming Sam School for Blind, for a visit). Now I am waiting for four Chinese guests who are coming to have dinner with us to-night, the Bible woman who worked with me for seven years in Shek Ki, her brother-in-law, Mr. Fung, a deeply spiritual Chinese preacher with whom I was formerly associated in work in Shek Ki and elsewhere, young Mr. Shiu, who was at Shek Lung for several months' work this year, and an interesting young man we met last night at the Conference. I must tell you of him. He has been studying at Wu Chow, at the Alliance Bible School, but is a product of our mission in Formosa. His grandfather (on his mother's side) was the second convert baptized by Dr. Mackay, of Formosa, many years ago. This young man wandered from the Lord, but away down in Manila where he was in business, he was truly born again and gave himself to God for service. He and six other fellow-students from Wu Chow have formed themselves into a preaching band for the summer vacation and go about to needy country places, just trusting in God for support. He says he is keen to take them over to Formosa for there, as in China, there are many cold, dead Christians, and he longs to revive them, as well as preach to those who have never heard of Christ. He is a graduate of our Middle School in Tamsui, and speaks very highly of Mr. and Mrs. George Mackay, whom he knows well.

The young man from Formosa came with the other friends last night and it was very interesting to hear him describe his life there. He told of how helpful to the students Mr. and Mrs. Mackay were, and how Mrs. Mackay used to take them out to do evangelistic and Sabbath School work. I showed him some articles about Formosa in the *Record* and in the copy for February, 1932, on page 53, he recognized a picture of his own sister! Her husband, Chiam Tek-Kian, was the earnest young preacher spoken of in that article, whose death occurred last year. He was greatly touched to see the account of his brother-in-law's life in the *Record.*

## Prayer

**OUR Father in Heaven, we come into Thy presence believing we have an Advocate with Thee, even Jesus, Thy well-beloved Son. Grant to each one a fresh baptism of Thy Holy Spirit that we may be true missionaries of the Cross, telling by our daily lives of a Saviour, Who, out of the strife and sorrow of a sin-sick world can bring peace. Bless every agency which has for its aim the extension of Thy Kingdom. We would remember especially at this time our mission hospitals in Canada. O Christ, Thou Who in the days of Thy ministry was compassionate to the sick, the sad, the weary and heavy laden, extend we beseech Thee that same compassion and help to the patients in these hospitals. Enable them to have faith in the doctors and nurses, and may the means used be effective in restoring them to health. Bless the doctors, Superintendents, and nurses, and as they minister to the needs of the body may they also present the claim of the Great Physician of the soul. Lift, we pray Thee, all burdens from our hearts and the anxieties that beset us in these days. Be near to those who sorrow. May they reach out past the things they cannot understand to the God they trust. Bless all who are serving Thee according to their ability. Give us power to be faithful—to keep on with work however trying or monotonous it may be. Accept our gratitude for all Thy goodness to us. Bless our Church and her missionaries. May we all think of our lives as belonging to Jesus and use them for His glory and the good of those about us. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.**

# *Making the Most of Life's Second Best*

*Bible reading given by Mrs. W. A. McLennan at the closing devotional service of the Enlarged Council Executive Meeting.*

Acts 16: 7, 8.

WE have here a very brief record of a very important event. It was a notable day when Paul carried the Gospel from Asia into Europe.

He had not planned to do this. He wanted to go to Bithynia. He had to go to Troas. So he took his second best, and made of it the best of his achievements.

Many, like Paul, have had to accept a Troas. It is told of Sir Walter Scott that he never planned to be a novelist, he wanted to be a poet, but Byron so outshone him that he began to write prose. And when he wrote Waverley he sent it out anonymously. He wanted Bithynia —and he accepted Troas.

Instances come to mind of many of our missionaries who are serving now in lands that were not their choice. They wanted to go to Bithynia. but they went to Troas.

What was it helped Paul at Troas? It was his faith. He believed that God had a purpose for his life. He believed that God never leads anyone into a situation where all the doors are shut. Paul might have been disappointed and discouraged that his plans were frustrated. He might have been very sorry for himself, because he had missed his Bithynia, but, he saw people in need, he had a vision that *he* was needed, and he had a love great enough to answer that need.

We may have to go to Troas many times in the days before us, but the road will be well marked, we need not be afraid of losing our way.

## Pointers

Psalm 32: 8. "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go; I will guide thee with mine eye."

Psalm 31: 24. "Be of good courage and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord."

Then in Deut. 33: 25 there is His promise of never failing support. "Thy shoes shall be iron and brass; and as thy days, so shall thy strength be."

A eulogy of General Grant states that he was a man of mighty days and equal to the days. We are living in *mighty* days. Mighty days are days of great privilege, because they are days of promised power and endowment. It is in the mighty days we unlock the mighty power of God. The background of every day is grace and the greater the day, the more abounding the grace. It is in mighty days that we discover ourselves, and the power of God. These are mighty days in the world, demanding faith, love, sympathy; mighty days in the church, demanding greater devotion, loyalty and service; and mighty days in the Women's Missionary Society, demanding vision, loyalty, trust, sacrifice, and the spirit of the selfless Saviour Who in the chivalry of His love gave His life on the cross.

# YOUNG WOMEN

HAVE you obtained your new study book? It is called ''The Seven Seas of Service,'' and is written by Lereine Ballantyne. The price, this year, is 35c. and this small sum provides for a two years' study course. The first part covers the national work of the Society, the second part contrasts the work in eastern countries with that being done in Canada, and there is also a chapter devoted to the work of the Eastern Division. Included with the study book is ''A Guide for Auxiliary Officers''—a leaflet which gives very definite rules and suggestions for the successful conducting of our missionary meetings.

## A Plan That Worked

Now that you are busy making your arrangements for the coming season, you may be interested in a plan for the choosing of programme committees that one Auxiliary found successful. Their membership list was divided into groups of four, alphabetically. The first one named in each group acted as convener and called a programme committee meeting to discuss and make plans for their particular meeting, well in advance. One other member acted as hostess for each meeting, providing the home and receiving assistance from the members of the programme committee for the lunch served during the social hour which followed the meeting. The President was ex-officio a member of each programme committee.

## Success Suggestions

Begin and close on time. Arrive promptly. Before coming 'phone to invite your friends to attend. Accept your responsibility as an individual member and do your share that your meeting may be successful. Your share may be to speak the friendly word to the new member, or to give a welcoming smile to the member who makes friends slowly. Personal interest has won over many an individual when nothing else could do it. If this is your talent, use it. Your Auxiliary needs YOU.

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The ''John Wilkie'' Auxiliary, of Chalmers Church, Toronto, found the following plan for raising expense money was so successful last year, they are repeating it this year. The members were divided into two teams with their object to see which team could save the greater number of coppers during a stated period. The proceeds were all brought to a meeting decided upon and the winning team were later entertained at a social evening by the losing team. The plan not only raised a splendid sum for their expense fund but the social evening provided an opportunity for the girls to become better acquainted and form new friendships.

# GIRLS AND LEADERS

## A VISIT TO A UKRAINIAN HOME

Miss P. B. Lamont

ACCOMPANIED by Miss Cuddy, Superintendent of the ''Hugh Waddell'' Memorial Hospital, I went to visit a Ukrainian home. It was twenty-three miles from Canora. We motored out through the snow and found a former little hospital patient hale and hearty and able to walk two miles to school.

The house was built of mud and straw and white-washed both inside and out. It was a storey and a half high. The upper half was reached by a ladder from the outside which meant it could rarely be used in the winter time. There were two rooms downstairs—a kitchen, and a living room and bedroom combined.

In the living room the upper section of the wall was hand decorated with figures of Bible characters, many of them pictures of Christ. The furniture, mostly hand made, consisted of the family table; a bench on which they sat for meals; and two beds, over one hung a clothes pole holding the family wardrobe, which was piled about a foot high. The usual lamp shelf and a chair or two completed the furnishings.

Although it was December and there was snow on the ground, the younger members of the family were out in their bare feet.

At the suggestion of the former little patient, the mother climbed up to the attic and brought down the household treasures to show to her guests. Nothing was too good for the Hospital Superintendent and her friend.

The mother could not speak a word of English, but nevertheless she gave the visitors a warm welcome, which was expressed in a radiant smile and a cordial handclasp. There was evidence that what the little girl had learned in the hospital was bearing fruit in the home .

## A COMPLETE SERVICE

TO crown a year of service with a star has been the action of Miss Jean Cowan. In September, she offered of her own free will to remain at her post an additional two months in order to visit the leaders and girls of the western provinces.

"I am ready and willing to take the trip west if I am needed, and I am sure that I would enjoy finishing my term of office in that way."

These were her words and, already, she has put them into action. Northern Ontario and Manitoba were visited first. Then Saskatchewan had its turn; while Alberta and British Columbia will share November. This means that the Presbyterian young people of Canada, from coast to coast, have benefited at some time by Miss Cowan's presence, counsel and inspiration. It means also that one and all will wish her the greatest happiness in her future capacity as homemaker.

# MISSION BANDS

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SECRETARY

*Dear Boys and Girls of the Mission Bands:*

A NOVEL idea has come from our field in Formosa. To honor the visit of the Moderator, and to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of this year, a number of Bible verses were selected to memorize, and for each one who can recite them before either a minister, elder or Sabbath School superintendent, and get his approval, a certificate will be forwarded, all the way from Formosa. To be true, it is all written in Chinese, but it is a very lovely certificate, and would make a real addition to a Mission Band room, if framed, or to any little boy's or girl's own room, if they wished to keep it.

The verses to be memorized are as follows:

| *Section A.* | *20 verses.* |
|---|---|
| Matthew | 5: 21–26. |
| " | 18: 15–20. |
| Galatians | 6: 1– 4. |
| I John | 5: 13–16. |

| *Section B.* | *40 verses.* |
|---|---|
| Numbers | 11: 16–17. |
| " | 11: 24–25. |
| Titus | 1: 5–11. |
| I Timothy | 5: 17–22. |
| Acts | 20: 16–38. |

The recitation may be made up till March 9th, 1933.

This is the rally time of the year. We do so hope that every leader will make a point of taking her Band to the nearest rally, and if this is impossible, attending herself so she can bring home NEW IDEAS, for the winter programmes.

Do write and tell me what you are doing that has been most successful during the year, for attendance or membership.

Yours sincerely,

*Ethel Adamson.*

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# PROVINCIAL NEWS

## ALBERTA

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### Bi-annual Provincial Meeting

WITH a fair representation from each of the four Presbyterials, the Alberta Provincial Board met in Red Deer, September 27th, for their Bi-annual session. All Secretarial reports were encouraging and optimistic. The Treasurer reported amounts sent to Toronto as slightly less than at this time last year.

The plan approved by the Enlarged Council Executive of the W.M.S. for the raising of the $25,000 to ''Maintain and Build the Church'' was met as a challenge, and the women are undertaking the work with zeal and prayer, realizing that the work can only be accomplished through work, prayer and sacrifice.

Miss Matthews, appointed deaconess to the Red Deer district, was present and reported having made a survey of the district. She had organized one Mission Band, would organize two more in the following week, with an approximate membership of 30 for the 3 Bands and has hopes of organizing 6 Bands in the district.

Arrangements were made for the sending of magazines to Dr. Margaret Strang. The Library Secretary, in her report, urged the use of the study book, a thorough knowledge of missions and also of Presbyterianism. The Student Secretary reported receiving the names of Presbyterian university, Normal school and hospital students. When the list is complete she will invite them to the mid-week and Sunday meetings of the Young People's Club.

**Calgary P.S.**—The Rev. A. S. Grant, General Secretary of the Board of Missions, addressed an enthusiastic gathering from the different churches of the Presbytery in Grace Church, Calgary, September 2nd. He gave a stirring address on the problems which confront us, and our ability as Presbyterians to meet them. Rev. H. R. Horne, Superintendent of Missions for Alberta, also spoke on ''A Vision of the Challenge to the Presbyterian Church in Canada,'' taking as his text, ''Thou shalt remember the Lord thy God.''

A large attendance greeted the opening meeting of the fall term of Grace Church Auxiliary, Calgary. Three splendid papers were given, one on Our Hospitals and Schools, and one on The Indian and Chinese Work.

The Presbyterial Executive met in Grace Church, Calgary, September 20th. Secretaries' reports were most encouraging. A letter from Mrs. Daniel Strachan, Treasurer of the W.M.S., was read asking our Presbyterial to share in the raising of $25,000 to Help Maintain and Build Our Church and outlining the proposed plan. Mrs. Allott, Provincial President, also spoke to the subject, emphasizing what had been already stated.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. D. A. FOWLIE, 501 WINNIPEG ST., PENTICTON, PRESS SECRETARY

KAMLOOPS-OKANAGAN P.S. annual meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church, Penticton, on September 7th. Delegates and representatives were present from points farther north. The President, Mrs. W. B. McKechnie, presided. Penticton Auxiliary had charge of the morning devotions, the speaker, Mrs. J. T. Armstrong, taking as her topic ''Faith''. Departmental reports followed and were very encouraging.

Mrs. Herd, Provincial President, sent greetings and a full report of the Enlarged Council Executive meeting, which was read by Mrs. W. J. Smith and much appreciated.

The Presbyterial endorsed the ''Cent a Week'' movement. Each Auxiliary is to decide on ways and means of putting the plan into operation and collecting the money.

During the afternoon, and following the report of the Provincial meeting, given by Mrs. W. A. Wyllie, a discussion was held on girls' work which resulted in renewed interest in this very important branch of our work. It was decided to endeavor to secure a suitable site for summer camps.

The President's address was based on God's word to Moses ''Fear ye not, stand still and see the Salvation of the Lord. Why comest Thou out to me? Speak to the children of Israel that they go forward.''

Changes in officers are: President, Mrs. D. A. Fowlie, Penticton; Treasurer, Mrs. Malcolm Campbell, Penticton; Secretaries—Corr., Mrs. J. T. Armstrong, Penticton; M.B., Y.W.A., C.G.I.T., Miss Edna Wilson, Armstrong; *Glad Tidings,* Mrs. McCurrah, Kamloops; Home Helpers, Mrs. W. B. McKechnie, Armstrong; Library and Literature, Mrs. Hislop, Salmon Arm.

The closing words were given by Mrs. W. A. Wyllie. In the evening an open meeting was held when slides on the work in Formosa were shown, and enjoyed by an interested audience.

### Daily Vacation Bible School, Chinese Mission, Vancouver

''How would you like to come to Bible School every morning for two weeks?''

''Where?''

''In the church on Keefer Street.''

''What time?''

''Ten o'clock sharp every morning from Monday to Friday and two-thirty on Sunday.''

''Sure, I'll come.''

The above conversation took place in Vancouver's Chinatown during the last week of June.

Monday morning found Miss Esther Armstrong, Miss Edith Sutherland, Miss Pansy Yeung and myself at the church shortly after nine o'clock. Some of the children had already arrived and were playing in the gymnasium. That morning about 26 boys and girls came, but as the days went by the numbers increased until there were 36 and, in spite of record-breaking rains, that number continued throughout the two weeks.

During this time the children who could read received copies of the gospel of St. John and memorized parts of chapters 1 and 3. All learned some and two girls learned all of the Primary Catechism. The girls outlined texts for a quilt and small children also made things to take home. Miss Pansy Yeung taught the children Chinese choruses, and the first Friday Rev. Yeung gave them a splendid talk. Rev. D. A. Smith came the last day and gave them a blackboard talk. The teachers met for prayer every morning and throughout the sessions the one aim was to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ and to lead the little ones to Him. Mr. Smith asked them what was the best part of the school—a word beginning with P—. He expected them to say ''Play'' but the answer came quite unexpectedly from one of the girls—''Prayer.''

Won't you pray with us and with them that the seed sown may spring up unto eternal life in their little hearts? —*Ruth Yeandle.*

## MANITOBA

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BRANDON P.S.—Rev. J. B. Rhodes, of Exeter, Ont., who conducted the services in Brandon Presbyterian Church during August, took the devotional exercises at the W.M.S. meeting, speaking on the life of St. Andrew. His talk was very inspiring and helpful. Mrs. Rhodes outlined their W.M.S. meetings at Exeter.

Following the idea of the Sectional meetings of other years, it was the wish of the delegates at the last Brandon Presbyterial to continue these group gatherings of neighboring Auxiliaries during the early fall even without the aid of a special speaker. So far they have proved most helpful and enjoyable.

Several members of the executive have had the privilege of attending meetings at the following places: Glen Souris, Lenore and Hartney, and plans are being arranged for others in the near future. The visiting members have been given a most cordial welcome and much mutual benefit has resulted. In this way the members of the Board are coming to know and appreciate the great number of fine, earnest, talented women in the Auxiliaries in a way that it is impossible to do at our busy Presbyterial meetings.

**Superior P.S.**—The first meeting of the fall season of St. Andrew's C.G.I.T., Fort William, was held September 29th. Mrs. Foster, Travelling Secretary of the Y.W.C.A., addressed the girls on the subject, ''The Girls of 1932 and Their Problems.'' The address was full of instruction and ideas for service and was listened to very attentively by eighty-five girls and their leaders.

**Winnipeg P.S.**—Great interest was manifest in a recent meeting of Roland Auxiliary when the regular membership of eleven was increased by eight visitors and a car load of friends from Winnipeg. Mrs. Flook gave a cheering message, Mrs. McKay, an inspiring paper on Prayer, and the minister, Rev. E. Lee, an earnest talk.

In honor of Dr. Jessie MacBean, of Hackett Medical College, Canton, China, the women of Winnipeg Presbyterial entertained at the Hudson's Bay tea rooms, Winnipeg. Dr. MacBean gave a graphic picture of her work in China, stressing the great need for nurses. Land has been secured for a new hospital to be built next year. On her return, Dr. MacBean will devote much of her time to public health work.

### Gonor Camp—With Mrs. Mackenzie as Camp Mother

ON Wednesday, July 13th, we came to camp, arriving late in the afternoon. When first we looked around and saw almost fifty girls, all quite strange, our hearts sank. How could we ever get to know all those girls? It would be awful!

When we were settled in our tents we held a sing-song, all sitting around a camp-fire in a little clearing. By the time we were ready to go to bed we knew the names of all the girls nearest us. It wasn't so bad after all, but ten days seemed a terribly long time.

The time flew by as though winged. It seemed some days that the echo of the rising whistle had scarcely died away until we were saying, ''Thanks for the day, Comrades.''

Morning jerks and Morning Watch filled our time before breakfast, while bed-making, Bible study, group discussions and games kept us busy the rest of the morning. After dinner we rested, worked at handicraft or dramatics and swam. Supper over, we played games, then around our camp-fire joined in favorite songs and hymns. Every evening a message of inspiration and devotion was brought to us and—when ''Taps'' was sung and we had scattered to our tents—everyone felt that we had indeed been in the presence of the One who said, ''Peace I leave with you. My Peace I give unto you.''

Now our days at camp are over but we go back to the life in the city stronger and better because of the love and fellowship which was ours at camp. Broadened by the companionship of other girls, strengthened by the help so freely given by those who have travelled further than we along the way, we feel in our hearts a clearer vision of God and we find encouragement to carry forward the Torch of His Truth.

## ONTARIO

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### Provincial Board

THE Provincial Board of Management met in Calvin Church, Toronto, on October 6th and 7th, with an attendance of 23 Presbyterial Presidents and 26 officers and Secretaries.

After the opening devotional services, all stood in tribute to the late Miss Sarah Orr, Stratford, while a resolution was read and added to the minutes, expressing deep appreciation of her efficient service and unfailing courtesy as Finance Secretary.

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Presbyterial Presidents reported on their work and problems, bringing out helpful discussion. Departmental Secretaries emphasized special points in their work. Thus, all urged that Provincial Secretaries be immediately notified of any change of address of Presbyterial Secretaries.

The Supply Secretary advised that supply allocations be made up early, before relief work is started, as the need for clothing in the West will be as great or even greater than last year. For economy and efficiency, it was suggested that Presbyterials adjoining each other arrange the dates of their annual meetings consecutively, so that the same speakers would be available. While the financial condition is encouraging, united and consecrated effort is needed to meet our obligations.

Nine Mission Bands have been organized this year, and 6 Honorary Life Members have received certificates.

At the luncheon periods, Miss Julia Maystrowich invited interest and co-operation in her work among the Ukrainians in Toronto, and Mrs. C. W. McMullen described the service rendered by Welcome and Welfare workers from coast to coast. At the evening session the scheme for establishing the Church on a firm basis financially, and the share in this of the W.M.S., was presented by Dr. A. S. Grant, Mrs. D. Strachan and Mrs. C. H. Thorburn. Miss MacMurchy was welcomed as the new President. Kintail Camp and the wonderful response of the young people to the spiritual tone of the addresses was described by Mrs. H. C. McKellar, Hamilton.

A pleasant feature of the close was the presentation of a beautifully bound book to the President, Mrs. W. A. McLennan.

**Chatham P.S.**—Dresden reports having sent books for a Sunday School library to White Lake, also magazines sent monthly to Mr. Sims at Utterson for distribution among families and men in lumber camps. Valetta Auxiliary and Star Mission Band held a joint meeting at the home of Mrs. King, Jeanette's Creek, with forty in attendance. Knox, Leamington, reports acceptance of quilts made by Onaway Group of Girl's Guild.

**Saugeen P.S.**—Holstein Auxiliary entertained the Home Helpers at their June meeting, with a good attendance, when reports of Presbyterial work were given. The scripture reading, chosen by the oldest member, Mrs. A. Aitkens, was read by Mrs. Brebner. St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Mount Forest, was visited at the June meeting, held at the manse, by the Auxiliary of Knox Church, Conn. At the July meeting they were visited by members of Durham Auxiliary. Mrs. B. D. Armstrong, Presbyterial President, gave a report of the Provincial annual meeting. The Thank-offering meeting of Christine Buchan Auxiliary, Drayton, was held on Sunday morning, August 21st, taking the place of the regular service. It was conducted by members of the W.M.S. and the Mission Band, the Band presenting a pageant, "The Friendly Hand." Members assisted the choir. Mrs. M. D. Reid presided, and Mrs. McClanahan gave an address on Thankfulness.

### In Memoriam

**Lanark and Renfrew P.S.**—At Renfrew, June 4th, Miss Margaret Ward entered into rest. She was a Life Member of the W.M.S., a charter member of the Auxiliary and for many earlier years an efficient treasurer.

## QUEBEC

MRS. J. D. ANDERSON, 108 ELLICE ST., BEAUHARNOIS, PRESS SECRETARY

MONTREAL P.S.—A largely attended meeting of the Executive was held September 16th in Knox-Crescent Church, Montreal, the President, Mrs. A. W. Pae, presiding.

The Treasurer's statement showed receipts since April as follows: Auxiliaries, $3,571; Y. W. Auxiliaries, $348; Girls' Groups, $12.85; Mission Bands, $204.75. Sent to Provincial Treasurer to date, $6,300.

The resignation of Mrs. J. Forbes Fowlie as Young Women's Secretary was received with regret. Mrs. Fowlie has been an ardent and devoted worker and will be greatly missed. In the meantime, Mrs. Pitts, of St. Andrew and St. Paul Auxiliary, assumes the duties of this department.

Supplies to the value of $43 have been sent in by three Mission Bands. One Band reports 24 new members. Subscriptions to *Glad Tidings* show a decline of 55. Excellent outfits, etc., have been received in the Supply Department, value $406.19. Cash received, $160.97. Value of supplies sent out $545.23. Rev. W. A. Cameron, of Weyburn, Sask., wrote expressing gratitude for the generous response made to the western provinces' appeal for emergency aid.

Sales of literature amounted to approximately $20. Additions made to the Church, and comfort given to the sick were reported by Welcome and Welfare Secretaries. Eleven new papers had been received in the Exchange Department.

Following the presentation of reports, the President introduced Miss Irene Stringer, who gave a very vivid and intimate picture of her daily life, devoted to the pupils of the ''Helen Macdonald Memorial School'' in Jhansi, India. Mrs. W. McK. McLeod, President of the W.M.S. (E.D.) was an interested visitor and spoke briefly. Prayer by Mrs. W. D. Reid brought an inspiring meeting to its close.

## SASKATCHEWAN

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MOOSE JAW P.S. was held in Knox Church, Moose Jaw, on September 10th. Mrs. J. A. Staveley, President, occupied the chair, being assisted in the devotional period by Mrs. H. R. Horne, Provincial President. Representatives were present from Weyburn, Assiniboia, Briercrest and Swift Current. Secretarial reports were very encouraging, considering so many Auxiliaries were located in the drought area. Mrs. Horne gave an outline of business discussed at the Enlarged Council Executive Meeting held in Toronto, in May, and thanked the members of the executive and Auxiliaries for having presented her with the Honorary Membership and pin during the past year. Rev. A. K. and Mrs. Davison were guests. Mrs. Staveley gave the closing message, emphasizing what it meant to be a radiant Christian. Mrs. George Ross, Honorary President, closed the meeting with prayer.

St. Paul's Church Auxiliary, Moose Jaw, held their September meeting at the home of the President, Mrs. W. M. Oliver. An interesting paper on our ''Gwalior Mission'' was given by Mrs. W. B. Way. The Mission Band of St. Paul's, at their September meeting, were entertained following their meeting, by the W.M.S. A very enjoyable time was spent by the little ones.

**Regina P.S.**—The W.M.S. of First Church, Regina, featured a guest afternoon at their September meeting. Each member had the privilege of bringing with her to the meeting a guest—a prospective member. A very interesting programme was given after which tea was served in the ladies' parlor. The work of the Mission Band was begun for the fall term when the members gathered at a picnic as guests of the W.M.S. Auxiliary.

The following places are looking forward to having Mrs. W. G. Brown, of Saskatoon, tell of her trip to Formosa: Knox and St. Paul's Auxiliaries, Moose Jaw; St. Andrew's, Assiniboia; Knox, Weyburn; First and North Side Auxiliaries, Regina. Several of these places have planned to hold their Thank-offering when Mrs. Brown will be with them.

**Moose Jaw P.S.**—Knox W.M.S., Briercrest, met at the manse at their September meeting. Mrs. Jas. Greer, President, presided. Mrs. Hillson gave a talk on the work in South India. The Mission Band of this church is carrying on very interesting work, many of the members taking part at each meeting, in this way showing real interest and activity.

**Saskatoon P.S.**—At the August meeting of St. Andrew's W.M.S., Tisdale, the Girl Guides led the devotions. Mrs. MacKay, President, presented the girls with an Affiliation Certificate. Miss McKechnie, nurse missionary to India, gave a most interesting address.

## NEW ORGANIZATIONS

### Ontario

**Kingston P.S.**—Camden East Aux.; Glenvale Associate Society.

## LIFE MEMBERS

*Ontario Provincial.*—

**Life Members:** Chatham P.S.—1; Hamilton P.S.—3; Lanark and Renfrew P.S.—1; North Bay P.S.—1; Ottawa P.S.—3; Peterborough P.S.—1; Stratford P.S.—2; Toronto P.S.—26. **Junior Members:** Chatham P.S.—1; Hamilton P.S.—1; Kingston P.S.—2; Seals, 1 each 3rd, 4th, 5th; Toronto P.S.—3; Seals, Blue 4. **In Memoriam Subscriptions:** Hamilton P.S.—1; Toronto P.S.—2.

### Honorary Member

Toronto P.S.—Mrs. H. E. Abraham, presented by W.M.S. organizations, Glenview Ch., Toronto.

## Treasurer's Statement

*September 30th, 1932*

### RECEIPTS

| | |
|---|---|
| Pension rates from Missionaries | $ 351.75 |
| Government grant for Mistawasis Indian School | 202.50 |
| Exchange | 547.49 |
| Refund on Supplies | 6.05 |
| PROVINCIAL GIVINGS: | |
| Alberta | 717.72 |
| British Columbia | 325.00 |
| Ontario | 7,400.00 |
| Quebec | 450.00 |
| Saskatchewan | 325.00 |
| | $10,325.51 |

### DISBURSEMENTS

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|---|---|
| South Porcupine Hospital | $ 250.00 |
| Canora Hospital | 453.32 |
| Vegreville Hospital | 309.68 |
| Chinese in Canada | 679.15 |
| Work at Fort McMurray | 125.00 |
| Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School | 666.66 |
| Birtle Indian Residential School | 676.22 |
| Mistawasis Indian School | 132.00 |
| Presbyterian Residences: | |
| Huntingdon | 108.32 |
| New Liskeard | 226.93 |
| Saskatoon | 172.49 |
| Prince Albert | 338.06 |
| Vegreville | 224.45 |
| Welcome and Welfare | 1,602.72 |
| Library | 6.45 |
| Lantern Slides | 76.85 |
| Publications | 1,381.40 |
| Organization | 283.59 |
| Pensions | 91.66 |
| Deputation | 125.00 |
| Student | 40.00 |
| New Missionaries | 1,138.50 |
| Formosa | 905.53 |
| India, Bhil Field | 3,972.89 |
| India, Jhansi | 2,442.75 |
| South China | 95.83 |
| British Guiana | 427.50 |
| Budget Campaign | 240.13 |
| Administration | 508.37 |
| | $17,701.45 |

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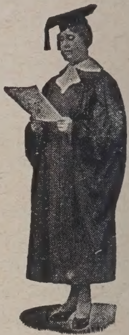

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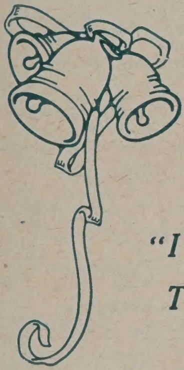

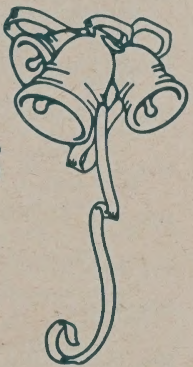

## Christmas Bells

*"I heard the bells on Christmas Day*
*Their old, familiar carols play,*
*And wild and sweet*
*The words repeat*
*Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"*

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# Service for the First Auxiliary Meeting in the New Year

## The Faithfulness of God

Mrs. J. A. Locheed

*I.* **The Leader:**—"I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever. With my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness. O Lord, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me and in thy righteousness."

**Hymn 74:**—"O God, Our Help in Ages Past."

**Prayer:**—Adoration and Thanksgiving.

**Scripture:**—Psalm 89: 1-8.

*II.* —"He is faithful and just to forgive our sins."

**Prayer:**—Confession of sins, personal and national.
For the King, the Empire, our own Country, that its legislators may be filled with the true spirit of Christ.

**Scripture:**—John 1: 1-10.

**Hymn 490:**—"Approach my Soul the Mercy Seat."

*III.* —"God is faithful by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of His son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Scripture:**—Colossians 3: 12-17.

**Prayer:**—The Church and her members.
Our young people and our boys and girls.

**Hymn 299:**—"Jesus With Thy Church Abide."

*IV.* —"Faithful is He that called you—He also shall do it."

**Prayer:**—Our Women's Missionary Society, members and workers, Overseas and National Missions.

**Hymn 371:**—"O Spirit of the Living God."

**Scripture:**—Matt. 28: 16-20.

**Brief Address:**—"Be Thou Faithful."

*V.* —"Thy faithfulness reaches unto the clouds."

**Prayer:**—For all those who suffer from privation and anxiety in the present times of distress.

**Hymn 526:**—"O Holy Saviour, Friend Unseen."

**Scripture:**—Matt. 25: 31-40.

**Lord's Prayer** (in unison).

# Editorial

## How to Read the Bible

HOW to read the Bible is a vital question with a great many people and books are constantly being sought and written to guide those in search of help. The Toronto Women's Auxiliary of the Upper Canada Bible Society set a very fine example recently when it held an open meeting and had Sir Robert Falconer speak on ''How to Read the Bible.'' The large number of men and women who gathered in Yorkminster Church to hear his message was evidence of the widespread interest in the subject.

To read the Bible properly you must enjoy it and want to read it, declared Sir Robert. When we read the Bible to enjoy it, it is because it tells us about God and it tells us about ourselves. In the Bible we find something to satisfy us as to what we are and what we may become. It is a book without a parallel. Protestant and Catholic Churches alike feel that in the Scripture is the Word of God which speaks to them absolutely and authoritatively. It is, as one writer beautifully expresses it, ''The Divine Word resounding in the hushed silence of expectant hearts.''

We must read the Bible in the spirit of the person who wrote it, and come with unprejudiced minds, pure hearts and receptiveness to receive the magnificent views of life held up to us. The scholar reads it in an entirely different way to the average reader. To satisfy himself he reads the best translations to find out as surely as he can what the words mean and the type of people for whom they were written. The ordinary intelligent man, reading the Bible for the purpose of edification, reads it selectively.

When we read and revere the Bible we will find in the New and Old Testament that power that constantly impresses us, as in the Book of Job, wherein is found a superb affirmation of faith in God by one who had suffered terribly. The New Testament leaves you with a greater vision of what you are and can be.

Sir Robert advised his hearers to read the Bible aloud. The old custom of reading the Scriptures aloud was in itself an education to the reader and his family, with its perfect English rhythm than which there is no greater form of culture. The language of the common people of England is steeped in the Bible. If read aloud in the home the Bible has a transforming effect on the language and character of the children.

Read the Bible with the prospect of enjoying it and not because of duty. Read it as something sacred. Read it because it is the Word of God and tells of His Son, because it tells you of yourself and what you may become, and the more we read it the more noble will our lives become.

## The Kingdom of God Movement in Japan

THE Kingdom of God Campaign, with a goal of a million souls, has been termed one of the most daring and adventurous Christian movements that has been launched since Christianity was introduced into Japan. Like many great Christian ventures, the vision of such a Movement flashed upon a soul made sensitive by hours of fasting and prayer. That Soul was Toyohiko Kagawa, eminent writer, social worker and Christian mystic. It was during the Eastertide of 1928, when many of the World's Christian leaders were gathered at the Jerusalem Conference that, in Japan, this ''Saint of Shinkawa,'' spending the night watches of the Passion Week in passionate creative prayer, was given a vision of a nation-moving evangelistic crusade.

To Kagawa a ''vision was a challenge; a dream a call to action'' and he announced his intention of launching a movement which would work its way into every section of the Empire, reach out to every class and carry on until the Christian constituency in Japan should number one million. He felt that until Christianity in Japan had that number of followers it could not achieve the goal—which is to establish the Kingdom of God ideals and spirit and the Kingdom of God way of life in every relationship and every sphere of the nation's life.

Few had sufficient faith to believe that Japanese Christianity which, after seventy years of endeavor only numbered some 300,000 followers, including the Greek and Roman Catholic communions, could reach the million. But, undaunted, Kagawa went forward with his plans, urging all with whom he came in touch to catch the vision and back it with creative faith and passionate prayer. In June, 1928, the ''Million Souls Movement'' as it was first called, took shape and in January 1st, 1930, the campaign began.

## Dr. William Axling, Author and Missionary

THOSE who heard Kagawa a year ago will never forget the moving power of his message, and they welcomed the announcement that the Rev. William Axling, D.D., Executive Secretary of the National Christian Council of Japan, and of the Kingdom of God Movement in Japan, was to visit Toronto.

Under the auspices of the Inter-Board Committee of the Women's Missionary Societies, a representative gathering from the Anglican, Baptist, Disciples, United and Presbyterian Women's Missionary Boards, was privileged to hear from this well-known author, internationalist and eminent Christian missionary, some of the results of this ''Crusade.''

Dr. Axling spoke chiefly on what he termed ''The outstanding by-products of the Kingdom of God Movement in Japan.'' Chief among these was the creation among the Japanese Christian forces of a new sense of solidarity. Through the inspiration of the campaign, denominations discovered in it a technique and movement in which they could come together, with the result that Christian forces became interrelated. It revitalized the whole Christian front in the Japanese Empire, which had grown too complacent at its denominational tasks, and gave the Christian Movement in Japan rebirth. It has also given all Christian forces an enlarged sense of missions. Dr. Axling presented a graphic picture of Japan with a total area equal to that of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick combined, and with 85 per cent. of the land mountainous and but 15 per cent. level. And she has sixty-five million mouths to feed! Twenty-five years ago Japan was compelled to change her national life from an agrarian civilization to an industrial and the Church was kept busy in the cities because of the vast expansion of urban life.

The Kingdom of God Movement led many of the pastors and laymen and laywomen to interpret their task in new and larger terms. They were always in search of individuals. But, said Dr. Axling, ''not only the individual but the city and nation and world needs to be saved and we have a gospel and a Christ big enough to save the community life, the industrial life, the city life, the nation and the world.''

This Movement has demonstrated to the world that indigenous Christianity in Japan has found its stride. It is on the march. This Kingdom of God Movement was born not in the heart of a missionary but in the heart of a son of the soil, and all the churches are bound up in it. ''We are,'' said Dr. Axling, ''too prone to project our God into the past and forget God to-day is a wonder working God.'' Out of Japan's own life has come this Movement and you cannot stop it.

The tide is coming back. For a century the Christian Churches have been pouring out men, women, money and prayers for evangelism in the Orient. Now this tide is beginning to come back in a personality like Kagawa and in the Kingdom of God Movement. And I think that tide is going to shame us to live more dangerously, more adventurously. We have never dared to try Christianity in the West as Kagawa is trying it. We have never had the courage and this Movement is ''going to challenge us to take Christ more seriously.''

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The Kingdom of God Movement is financed by voluntary gifts. At present, these are exhausted. The three year term for which it was launched is up in December, but so keen is the desire for its continuance and extension into the rural area, that the National Christian Council and the Kingdom of God Movement are meeting to appraise the Movement and ask that it be continued for two years longer. This means an expenditure of $3,000, and $1,000 of this is being asked from Canada.

SPECIAL attention is drawn to the service which appears on the front page of this issue. It was prepared by Mrs. Locheed, of Hamilton, for the use of all our branches at the first meeting in the new year. The Council Executive earnestly hopes that this meeting will be largely one for intercession by all our membership.

THE *Glad Tidings* is blazing new trails in its method of grouping material. It is choosing certain countries and devoting certain magazines to them. During 1931, it took up our Overseas work, field by field. This year, a similar plan was followed with our National Missions. In 1933, we hope to concentrate on our Organizations, and a tentative programme has been drafted. We expect that—January will be a Letter Number, with interesting extracts from missionaries' letters; February, Home Helpers and the Estimates; March, Auxiliaries; April, Young Women's Auxiliaries and Easter; May, Girls' Work; June, Mission Bands; July-August, Holiday number, camps, etc.; September, Council, or Enlarged Executive number; October, Thank-offering, Students; November, Field Secretaries and Hospital Visitors; December, Prayer Programme and stories of Christmas in every land. In addition to these special features, each magazine will contain the usual helpful material for the various departments.

# The Work of Our Hands

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS ACKNOWLEDGING SUPPLIES
SENT TO OUR INSTITUTIONS

### Hospitals

"YOUR bales of supplies for infants arrived safely. They are indeed lovely and we shall have no trouble finding babies to give them to. In fact, we have one little mother in now who has absolutely nothing for her baby—the fourteenth, so she shall have something for her little one when she leaves here. We find that the majority of the foreign women do not prepare anything for the new baby. They have been so used to wrapping the infant up in a blanket for the first few weeks. However, we always send the babies home from here properly dressed, and the mothers seem so pleased."

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"Thanks very much for the two bales of supplies and the barrel of fruit which arrived in splendid condition, such a nice variety of jam, jelly and fruit and not a jar broken. The supplies are so nice and useful. Kindly convey to the members our hearty thanks and sincere appreciation for all their kindness in sending these lovely things to us."

## Presbyterian Residences

"I HAVE just unpacked the splendid bale sent to be used at the Residence and, if necessary, in helping Presbyterian families in this district. When I came to those lovely soft flannelette sheets and nice clean new quilts I just thought what a pleasure it would be to me to have a share in this great work of giving to those who are not blessed with much of this world's goods. Through illness or misfortune of one kind or another there seems to be a constant demand.

"I have had many pleasant experiences in this work of helping the girls who come to the north from the Old Land, seeking employment, and in many cases starting up house-keeping. Oh, how they appreciate a little assistance! In many cases, they have only a very limited amount of cash. This service works two ways, for in turn, their families all become interested members of the Presbyterian Church.

Packing the Bales In Knox Church, Toronto

"The Residence is full and doing a great work for the boys and girls in the north and elsewhere. Many have completed their course in the high school here and have gone to take a further training in the various professions, and are proving themselves worthy of the great privilege which has come to them through the efforts of the W.M.S."

## Indian Residential Schools and Reserves

"I WISH to acknowledge the receipt of two bales of clothing for our school here and to thank you for your generous gift. In such times as these a donation represents a great sacrifice on the part of those who are giving and a great deal of credit is due to you ladies for your generous support and co-operation in our work."

"The boxes and bales came early in December and were duly acknowledged. I now wish to tell you, in part at least, of the different families to which the clothes were distributed.

5 Icelandic—coats, sweaters, underwear, etc., and baby outfit for one.
5 Ukrainian—coats, underwear, quilts, etc., twin babies' outfit.
1 Ukrainian sick boy—quilt and books.
8 Indian and Half-breed—coats, shoes, socks, quilts.
1 French Canadian—outfit for five children.
2 Canadian—socks, underwear, quilts.
1 Swedish—clothes for motherless girl and boy.

"Toys, papers, and scrap-books were sent to all the children. We particularly thank you for the lovely dolls. These and other toys brought happiness to over a hundred boys and girls of all nationalities at Christmas. Many of them had never had a doll or a toy before."

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"The two bales which you so kindly sent to us arrived in good time for Christmas. The Indians, old and young, were delighted with the presents they received, especially with the yarn, sewing cotton, pins, needles, etc. How the children love dolls! and there was one for each little girl. The stuffed stocking cats were hugged in the littlest arms and how those black eyes did shine! I wish the good friends who remembered them with these gifts could have been here to enjoy the sight.

"The quilts (blankets they call them) and clothing were given out yesterday from the Mission House and everyone was happy and satisfied. These Indian people fairly 'eat up' the quilts. When they arrived in the fall I wondered at the quantity and quality, and also, where they could be placed, but now! I could have given out as many more."

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"I can hardly thank you sufficiently for the splendid bales sent from your Presbyterial. We were able to make use of everything. Our old women, especially, will rejoice over the old fashioned skirts and petticoats. I had been hoping, but not expecting we would ever have anything of the kind sent to us, in these very modern times. The men's suits, too, are just what we were needing."

### Mission Fields

"I WISH to thank each one of you for the wonderful gifts of clothing and such lovely quilts. How hard you all must have worked to accomplish so much. We will do the very best we can in placing them. There is quite a lot of hardship to contend with this fall, and with winter coming on, such parcels are indeed very welcome.

"Please extend our thanks to the Mission Band workers. They, too, have worked hard. We intend giving their gifts to the Sunday School for distribution."

''Received the bales sent by your Presbyterial and were so pleased to have you remember our needy field, and to entrust to us the distribution of the contents of those generous, wisely selected and well filled bales. Your kind gifts of love were sincerely appreciated and received with deep gratitude as answers to prayers. Truly your kindness has proved a boon to many. Those wonderfully made quilts were needed so badly. Many people had not sufficient bedding and were in a dilemma as to how to combat the oncoming cold weather. We also noted the superior quality of newness of many articles in the bales. Everything was in such splendid condition that it afforded us great happiness to be permitted to distribute them. As we told the people of your women, who sent the gifts to them, many were the kind greetings and expressions of love, that they wished conveyed to you. Our hearts go out in love and heartfelt gratitude to you across the many miles that separate us.''

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''Truly God will bless you all and reward you bountifully for being so merciful to all of us in this great north country. We hope you will accept our Thank You and will be able to realize what a wonderful help you Dorcases have been to your sister and brother in the Lord.''

## Grandma's Prayer

I pray that, risen from the dead,
I may in glory stand—
A crown, perhaps, upon my head,
But a needle in my hand.

I've never learned to sing or play
So let no harp be mine;
From birth unto my dying day,
Plain sewing's been my line.

Therefore, accustomed to the end
To plying useful stitches,
I'll be content if asked to mend
The little angels' breeches.

—*Eugene Field*

# The Story of the Lost Shawl

*January 8, 1932.*

*Dear Mrs.* ———

I am writing you in regard to the last two boxes sent to Knox Church, Toronto, by our ladies of ——— for western relief.

When we packed those boxes we put in a black and white checked shawl that was not intended to go. It had been taken to the Church to be used in a play that the Ladies' Aid were putting on. The girl who took it there forgot all about it until a short time ago when she suddenly remembered. The shawl belonged to her grandmother or great grandmother. She took it without telling her mother.

When she described it to me I remembered packing it in the boxes to be sent the end of November. The shawl was about two and a half yards long and had been mended with white wool in quite a number of places. It was a small black and white check wool material.

I don't want to put you to any bother, but we thought you would know whether or not it could be traced.

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**Answer**

*January 21, 1932.*

*Dear Mrs.* ———

Your letter with the enclosed note *re* the lost shawl came to hand the other day.

I remembered that, in making up a parcel for a family needing baby clothes I had put in a grey shawl. I had not examined it very closely, so thought perhaps it might be described as a black and white one. This shawl had gone away out of town to some Hungarian Presbyterians. As I was doubtful whether they could read English, I wrote to a friend I know in the village where they live.

I am enclosing her letter. I feel quite sure the grey shawl was quite a modern one. It was the only shawl in any of our bales. I do hope you will be able to trace the lost one.

I went over to see Mrs. ——— at noon to-day and she showed me the shawl you had given them. It was a plain gray and showed no signs of mending and was the honeycomb pattern. I am sure it was not the one mentioned in the letter. She was quite willing to return the shawl but I told her I did not think it necessary.

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*Dear Mrs.* ———

Your letter of the 12th *re* the lost shawl came to hand to-night. We are writing to say it is here and will be posted to you by the morning mail.

It seems strange but there were several to whom I might have given it but something seemed to say "wait."

Just a day or two ago I went upstairs to get it for a widow who came asking for some bedding. I then thought of Mrs. ——— so fortunately did not give it out. We are glad to return the shawl.

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*January 22, 1932.*

*Dear Mrs.* ———

I received the shawl yesterday. It was wonderful that it could be traced so readily.

I, at once, called up the girl that lost the shawl. She was so overjoyed she could scarcely speak. She feels that she has put you and Mrs. ——— to so much trouble. She wondered if the shawl had been given out. If it had she said she would like to send something in return.

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# Appreciation of Western Relief Supplies

"RECEIVED two bales of clothing. You will think there has been some delay in letting you know when they arrived, but you will understand, when I tell you, we have only two trains a week, which makes a long delay between mails. We have distributed the clothing as fairly and as far as possible. The distress and call for clothing has been something terrible. The Relieving Officer asked for clothing for a new town that has no railway service yet, so I sent as much as I could spare. We have a Presbyterian branch there, so it was our duty to help them. Everybody who received bundles wish me to thank one and all for their great kindness. If you could only see for yourselves I am sure you would all know and feel your labors have been worth while. Thank you and God bless you all is the prayer of the people of this district.

"The quilts were very much needed and appreciated, we are having very cold weather. It is snowing to-day."

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"I do not know what we would have done this winter had it not been for these wonderful gifts from Ontario. I am sure a great many people would have suffered greatly. We have had such generous supplies that we have been able to go far beyond the bounds of our own congregation. People from all churches and those who have had no church connection have been helped. All we have tried to be sure of, was that they were in need. We are deeply grateful to all who have responded so generously to your appeal.''

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''More thanks than I can express for the bales you have sent for use in my work. It was such a delight to unpack and explore the last one containing the Christmas parcels. Everything is so suitable that I feel sure that my people were in the minds of the ladies who planned and packed the bale. We will be Santa Claus in many homes this year —the only Santa.''

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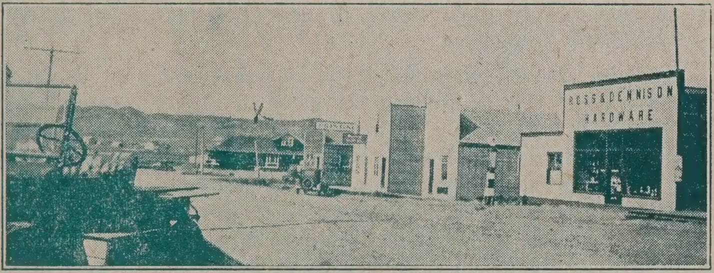
''I received a parcel of clothing from the bale sent for distribution in this very needy district. I have given most of these clothes to the families whose children are attending our Sunday School. Two girls, aged 13 and 15 years, were still coming to services, wearing their summer coats in spite of 'below zero' weather. Your heart would have been gladdened by the different smiles of thanks given when people got winter coats from your bale and light sweaters to wear under them. I just wish you could have seen the father of a large family when he got a parcel of clothing in which was a suit for his eldest boy. He did not need to say 'Thank you,' it was written on every line of his face.''



A western town to which some of the bales went. The station is marked with an X.

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''I am sure many families will be greatly comforted during this cold weather by what you have sent. When I received these bales our minister was with me and I said to him, 'I am proud to-day to be a Presbyterian'.''

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''I will cite two cases I had yesterday. Our relief officer in the country phoned me, 'Can you give a young fellow some clothes if I send him in?' I replied, 'send him along.' He found him seven miles out of town. The young man arrived and he was fairly well dressed. I said, 'are you the young man I was phoned about?' He replied, 'yes.' 'Well,' I said, 'you are pretty well dressed, what do you want?' By questioning, I found the clothes he had on were all borrowed. His shoes were all gone and his socks full of holes and, finally, after a series of questions I found out that the only article he possessed that was fit to wear was a leather belt.

''He had come from the Old Land two years ago and worked on a farm. The first year he got very little money and the last year none, and he left a short time ago and this other farmer had taken him in, but, as he had no crop, he could not pay him either. He was about twenty.

''I said, 'have you any underwear on?' 'Oh, no!' he replied, 'I didn't have any last year either.'

''I wish the good ladies who were responsible for sending that clothing could have shared with me the pleasure of handing out the underwear, suit, sweater, cap, socks, boots, mitts, shirt, and could have seen the look on his face when I put a lovely warm scarf around his neck and he said, 'is this for me?' He got a good warm overcoat. Knowing the Irish heart, I knew it was full to overflowing as he poured out his thanks. He was so overcome that he could scarcely speak. Surely the text, 'I was naked and ye clothed me' was literally carried out.

''Another case the relief officer sent me was a mother of six children, her husband was sick in bed and not likely to recover. Three children aged 11, 9 and 7 years walk five miles to school. They live on a rented farm. She milks the one cow, feeds the horses and pigs, cuts the wood, has a six months' old baby, takes care of her husband, and all the money she has had for groceries she has earned by sewing, and she drives fourteen miles there and back to deliver that sewing and get it. I hadn't a quilt* left to give her. She said four of them slept in a bed as they were so short of bed clothes. She, likewise, was so overcome to think she had so many warm clothes for her children she could not speak. Being a good sewer she took some of the lighter coats to make into warm dresses for the little girls to wear to school. She took a man's rain coat to wear over her own for her long drives for she told me she had almost perished the day before. She got the largest scarf to wind around her head and a warm sweater suit for a dress.

'I was so filled up myself when I saw how grateful those two were, and how needy, that I felt I wanted the ladies at headquarters to know the wonderful use to which their clothes are being put. Nothing touched me like that young Irishman's case and I'll never forget the expression on his face as he gazed up at me, nor the thanks and tears of that hard-working prairie mother.''

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*** Later we were enabled to send the little mother two quilts.**

''We received the bales and carton and now with so much underwear, etc., will be able to supplement the needs of some large families. I only wish you could be here to see how much all these lovely things are appreciated. We were shocked to find there was so much real need. We have been so glad to be able to assist these people, who, through no fault of their own, are so very much 'up against it'. We have not just kept to our own people although their needs properly come first. When I tell you that the three bales, and what clothing came in the car, of which we, here, had one-third, has served over seventy families you will realize the need there has been of such help.

''I wish you could have seen the gratitude and delight of some of the people when they were fitted out with a nice warm comfortable coat or dress, and given a hat and scarf to match. A Galician woman and her husband came in one day and she was so poorly clad, and could not talk English, but we fitted her out with coat, hat, dress and shoes and such blessings as she poured out on the good people of the Presbyterian Church.

''I should have told you that the quilts were given to homes where a little one is expected, and also to some needy bachelors, and those received to-day will go to homes where there are large families.''

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''An old man who is 'baching' on a farm and who had no money because of no crop for two years, came in yesterday. He had neither socks, underclothing nor mitts. The weather is around zero. I took him to Mrs. ——— and she hunted out everything he required from underclothing to a fur coat, shoes, cap, scarf, and all. He was so surprised and pleased that he said, 'I will pay the church for this with wood from my farm.' So he is bringing us next week two loads of wood.

''Another young Irish boy, twenty-two years old, came in. All the clothes he had were borrowed. He had worked on a farm for two years and had received only $90.00, a little at a time. Mrs. —— outfitted him completely. He came back the next day wearing the outfit and called on her to let her see how nice he looked when cleaned up and dressed up.

''The rest we have served were families where there were children and it would do you good to see their gratitude.''

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''In my enthusiasm I said, as we opened the bales, 'we surely will have enough for this whole country' but we may not for many many people are writing and sending in requests for clothing. Your bales will go a long, long way. We need boots so badly, we never expected to get much in the way of boots but there are many pairs of boots. The demand for underclothes is also very great.

"One woman with a sick husband and eleven children drove in a buggy twenty-two miles and she is just one illustration of the many who come long distances."

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"The people were very thankful for the clothing as so many in this district have had no crop for so long that they have not been able to buy any, and the clothing had got to be nothing but patches and hardly held together.

"On behalf of the people of the district who appreciate the efforts put forth by the Church at this time, please accept my personal thanks."

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"The clothes went far and wide, 4 high school children were helped and at least 25 other children. Our people are needy only because of three years' drought. The depression would not hurt us so much if our crops and gardens could grow. The east has done wonders for us, and the west will not forget."

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"I received your very welcome parcels. I made the wrapping off the bales into smaller bags, and have sent a bag to the families I have named on the enclosed slip. Everyone was so pleased with their bags and wish me to thank you and your helpers for the gifts and clothing. So many of the mothers could not provide anything for their children this year. It is a pleasure to know their stockings will not be empty. Was it quite right to give each mother two quilts? Knowing that each home has two and some three beds, I thought two quilts would help so much.

"When I think of all the happiness and joy it will bring, the joy the families are getting from the warm clothes, and the happiness to come at Christmas no words can express our great thanks."

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"I am instructed to convey our thanks to you, and to those who have been associated with you, in the work of collecting and forwarding clothing for the Presbyterian families in Saskatchewan who were in need of such assistance. The Synod appreciates very much this token of good will and Christian helpfulness. We know, also, that such service is in direct line with the thought of our Lord and Master when he said, 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these . . . . ye have done it unto me'."

# Here, There, and Everywhere

## Lantern Slide Trips

MISS J. FLORENCE LANG

A UNIVERSITY President has described an educated man as one who knows something about everything and everything about something. While most of us cannot meet the requirement of knowing everything about something, we can at least strive to know something about everything.

Each day, our newspapers provide us with notes of happenings in many countries. The world moves so fast that it is impossible for the mind to retain all the information. But if we know something about the countries of which we read, if we can call up pictures of the beauty spots, the cities, the people, their homes, their temples, we have a background into which we can fit those events that are being chronicled in the press, and can at least claim that we are making an effort to attain to the standard described by the President.

The advances in photography have made it possible to give everyone a picture of far-away lands and people. Our Presbyterian readers are, or should be, interested in the work our Church is doing in the newly opened districts of our own land, and in the many fields abroad. An effort is being made to give to our people facts in the form of lecturettes and pictures from the Mission Fields. Several new sets of slides have been prepared during the year. ''The Little Brown Brother''—a short set of about twenty slides tells of the work among the Canadian Indians. ''India, Land of Light and Shadow,'' is made up of two short sets, one on the Gwalior field, and one on the Bhils, which may be used together or separately. There are about fifteen slides on each field. ''Formosa—Gem of the Orient,'' was prepared as a Jubilee set, and gives a short story of the Mission established in 1872 by George Leslie Mackay. There are about sixty slides, but part of the lecturette may be omitted if it is too long. ''The Budget Set'' was prepared to help in giving information on the work of the Church at home and abroad and is being used by many in the Budget campaign. All the above collections are suitable for adult or senior groups.

For juniors, two new sets have been prepared containing about twenty pictures. ''Happy Days in India,'' tells of an aeroplane flight to Amkhut and Gwalior, and in ''Over the Sea to Formosa,'' the children are taken on an imaginary trip in a fine big ship to visit the girls and boys in Formosa.

There is no charge for the use of the slides. The arrangement is that the Provincial Secretary sends them out by express, collect, and those to whom they are sent are expected to prepay the return charge, and also to pay for any slides broken. It is our aim to have the slides in good condition, and with reasonable care, and the help of all those who enjoy using them, we can operate the department with very little expense beyond the original cost of the slides and boxes. This amounts to quite a sum as eight sets must be provided to meet the demands of the provinces.

The story is told of an old man who had lived in one little town all his life. He was asked on his arrival at the Golden Gate what kind of a place the world was anyway. His answer was that he didn't know, he hadn't seen much of "it." There is no excuse for such an answer to-day, for we have every opportunity if not to travel, at least to see pictures and learn something of every country in the world.

In order to economize in time and postage, will those who wish to have the slides please write direct to the Provincial Secretaries:—

**British Columbia**—Mrs. Mary Turner, 2909 Alder St., Vancouver, B.C.
**Alberta**—Mrs. W. Carmichael, Carstairs, Alta.
**Saskatchewan and Manitoba**—Mrs. J. W. Hedley, 2358 Broad St., Regina, Sask.
**Ontario**—Mrs. A. W. Talbot, 8 Biggar Ave., Toronto, Ont.
**Quebec**—Miss H. D. Rhind, 1179 St. Mark St., Montreal.
**Maritime Provinces**—Mrs. S. W. McCulloch, 664 Prince St., Truro, N.S.

# Are You Acquainted with the Library Department?

MISS C. G. KERR

THE aim of this department is to collect magazines, and books suitable for distribution to mission fields and other needy districts. Each Auxiliary interested in promoting this department should have a Library Secretary, who notifies the Presbyterial Secretary from time to time what Library supplies are available, and upon request, either sends them on to the Presbyterial Secretary, or to whatever field or address is given to her.

This requires a small amount to be expended for postage, which the Auxiliary provides from the expense fund, but the material cost is small compared to the joy and value from an educational standpoint which these books and papers bring to lonely dwellers in far places.

### The Department Helps in a Wide Scope

The Library department has been particularly beneficial to mission stations in that it has sent out to new groups, not only Bibles and Hymn Books, but small Sabbath School Libraries as well. The response from all who receive them is so enthusiastic that every Library Secretary would be grateful for the chance to serve in this wonderful branch of the work, could she but picture the eagerness with which reading matter is pounced upon in districts far from stores and public libraries. Not only should the

Secretaries be enthusiastic over this work, but every woman, boy or girl who contributes books or papers may share the same delight of knowing they have provided ''food for the mind.''

A number of Bibles were sent to a prison in the west, and these were so appreciated that the men made special covers to keep them clean while reading them.

In many cases the contacts made are very wonderful. Women receiving good papers or books feel they have not lost every contact with their Church, though there may not be one in the district. The interest which grows out of missionary books has been the means of starting new Auxiliaries, and boys and girls, pathetically bereft of advantages, find a new world opened up for them through good reading matter.

### Helping the Highway Workers

Large quantities of literature were sent to the men working on the Provincial Highways in the north. The Government bore the expense of shipping it, and the Synodical Missionary of our Church testified as to the excellence of what was sent, and the great need it filled in the lives of the men living in the camps.

HIGHWAY CAMPS - KENORA

Highway Camps, Kenora, Ont.

Student missionaries, too, have been helped by finding books in the little log Churches where they go to minister. The fields are large and inspiration is truly needed to help these young men who are so ready to help others.

Too much stress cannot be put upon wise choice in the selection of what goes out. When money is forwarded to the Executive Library Secretary, Miss Kerr can purchase Bibles and hymn books at a very low wholesale price for this work, but the magazines and books are the choice of the sender, and it is logical that they should be interesting, up-to-date, and wholesome reading, always suitable for the type of person who will receive them. It is this personal interest which makes this work one of the most fascinating and valuable departments of our W.M.S.

# Toyohiko Kagawa—A Leader of Young Japan

IT is always a refreshing experience to meet a man who is different from the rest of mankind, whether we admire him or not. A good many people have tried to describe Kagawa by comparing him with St. Francis, with Gandhi, or Sundar Singh, with Gompers, or Origen, or with some medieval mystic or fiery modern evangelist. But Kagawa is different. You can describe him as a poet, a novelist, an economist, a philosopher, a Christian socialist, a philanthropist, a statesman, a labor-leader, a mystic, a pastor, an evangelist, or a modern saint. And when you have said all this, I still wonder if the description equals the man.

In July, 1889, Kagawa first saw the light and raised his voice in protest against the indignities and discomforts of this wicked world, and he has been protesting with a good deal of effectiveness ever since. His family was old and wealthy, but his father had lost heavily in speculation on the rice market, and had turned to an express company for his living. The standard of strict monogamy was rarely maintained among the upper classes in Japan forty years ago, and young Kagawa's mother was not his father's legal wife. In such cases the child was commonly adopted, especially where the legal wife—as in this case—had no children. So Toyohiko was adopted by his father and sent to be brought up by relatives in the adjoining island of Shikoku. Here he went through the primary schools, and at the age of thirteen he came to live with a wealthy uncle in the city of Tokushima, entering the middle school one year below the legal age limit. He inherited a good mind, a frail body, a legacy of wealth and success, and a tradition of decidedly lax morals. His was not the environment from which one would expect to find a great moral leader.

Toyohiko's first touch with Christianity came through Mr. Katayama, and through an English Bible Class. One Sunday he arrived at my home in a state of great excitement and began to sob. He had just read the story of the Cross of Christ, and, like the Apostle Paul, the love of Christ constrained him. That Sunday was the turning point in his life. A few months later he was baptized, and from the first he was intensely active in the Sunday School and in all the work of the Church. His whole nature responded to the appeals of Christian love, sympathy and purity.

The next crisis in Kagawa's life came at his graduation from the middle school, when the question of his further study and life work arose. He had graduated third in his class of 150. His teachers and family alike recognized that he had a brilliant mind, and they expected him to acquire fame and fortune in public life. Imagine their indignation and disgust when he announced his decision to become a Christian minister! His uncle had been mayor of the city and a member of the House of Peers. His father had held an office corresponding to a cabinet minister. This idea of becoming a Christian minister was simply preposterous, and could not be considered seriously. His uncle told him that if he wanted to throw his life away in any such manner, he could get out of the house. So he was turned out of his home without a penny. Who would have thought that a very few years later he would come back to Tokushima as the guest of the city, and be greeted with an arch of triumph, and fireworks, as the city's most distinguished citizen!

That first summer was spent teaching, preaching, visiting and making bicycle tours through the country. In the autumn he was sent to a Christian college in Tokio, where he was graduated two years later. The next step was his theological education in the seminary in Kobe, which was interrupted by an attack of tuberculosis and an enforced year at the seaside. During this year, spent among the fisher folk of Gamagori, in a hut that he rented for fifty cents a month, Kagawa learned not to fear death and to know and love the poor people among whom he lived.

In his last year in the seminary his health was better. He had been going down every afternoon to the Shinakawa slums and preaching to the crowds on the street corners. In this section is the famous—or infamous—''two-mat'' district, in which there are hundreds of one-roomed houses, each room six feet square, containing two of the three-by-six-foot mats found in all Japanese houses. These houses face upon alleys, three to six feet wide, that are filthy beyond description. Sometimes families of five or six persons are found living in one of these tiny houses in which babies are born, invalids languish and the sick die, all in crowded confusion.

Kagawa went down to live in one of those six-foot rooms in the slums and spent nine years witnessing for Christ among outcasts, lepers, beggars, gamblers, thieves and murderers. And this was a young aristocrat, brought up in the home of a millionaire!

As his work and influence grew, the first room soon became too small to hold those who came to him, so a second and a third room were rented, and the partitions between them were pulled down, making a fair-sized assembly room. Sympathetic friends felt that it was a privilege to have a part in such a work, and gifts amounting to a considerable sum were sent to him by Japanese as well as foreigners. But for a long time Kagawa lived on about a dollar and a half of American money a month, giving away many times this sum to the poor and suffering about him. Kagawa's day began at six in the morning with a preaching service on the streets, at a spot where the laborers gathered before going out for the day's work. This was followed by a round of visits to the sick, giving financial aid to as many as possible.

While living in the slums, Toyohiko Kagawa, through his writings, gradually gained a wide circle of friends and admirers all over the country. One book, ''Across the Death-line'' sold through nearly four hundred editions. Books he has since written, number nearly fifty.

After nine years in the slums he went to America where he spent two years in study at Princeton and several other institutions, making friends everywhere, and adding to his enormous stock of encyclopædic knowledge.

A new era was opened in Kagawa's life when he entered politics, and undertook to organize a labor party, and to raise the standard of living among the working classes. The price he paid for this political activity was two week's imprisonment, several fines for dangerous sentiments discovered in his writings, and an undeserved reputation for being a dangerous radical. The interesting part of all this is that his campaigns succeeded. The property qualifications was removed and the franchise extended to nearly the entire male population. Factory laws were radically revised, hours of labor were cut down and living conditions were revolutionized under Kagawa's leadership. At the same time, those in authority in Tokio began to find out that this supposed radical was really a constructive statesman.

At a few minutes before noon on September 1st, 1923, a great earthquake and fire destroyed the cities of Tokio and Yokohama. Some two hundred thousand persons lost their lives, and many more were left homeless and penniless. Kagawa hurried to Tokio and threw all his energy into the work of rescue and rehabilitation. The government appointed an able committee for economic restoration. In this committee Kagawa was the only member of lower rank than provincial governor! And it was his plan of restoration that was adopted and carried out. No other man in Japan had so wide a knowledge of labor and laborers, so he was called in to help in this time of crisis.

One of Dr. Kagawa's lines of activity is in the organization of a society which he calls ''Iesu no Tomo,'' or the ''Friends of Jesus''. Some of the members have never been baptized as members of any church, though of course the great majority are church members. It is a band of men and women scattered all over the country who dedicate their lives to following Jesus in helping their fellow men. The organization is of the simplest, but the fellowship and the service are real.

During one of Dr. Kagawa's trips abroad, he was brought in contact with the Huguenot Church of France. With a million or so members, they are able to maintain and develop their religious life successfully. And the thought occurred to him that unless the Church in Japan can get a backing of a million members it can never maintain its position and wield its proper influence in that country. With this thought in mind he returned to Japan to inaugurate a nation-wide evangelistic movement, called at first the Million Souls Movement, and later the Kingdom of God Movement. Dr. Kagawa is himself the soul and centre of this movement, and he has brought the message of the Gospel to vast crowds in all the cities of Japan.

The work of Dr. Kagawa has been done in the midst of bodily weakness, severe illness, and difficulties and handicaps that would have incapacitated most of us. He has written a beautiful little book called ''The Remaining Thorn'', or the ''Blessing of Affliction'', in which he tells of his own sufferings from tuberculosis, from dire poverty, from gradually approaching blindness and a dozen other afflictions, and of how the Lord turned each of these ''thorns'' into blessings, and enabled him to rejoice in them all. —W. H. Myers, in *World Dominion.*

## Western Relief

LAST year, Presbyterians throughout Canada responded to the appeal for relief for the dried out areas in Saskatchewan and Western Manitoba by sending out over 600 bales of clothing.

This year, while a number of districts which we helped last year are able to provide their own necessities, there are still a number of sections where help is pitifully required.

Our Church has asked the Women's Missionary Society (Western Division) to take charge of the appeal for clothing from the congregations. This clothing, instead of being sent to Toronto for repacking and reshipment, will go direct from the Presbyterial Supply centres or congregations to Mrs. H. R. Horne, 1160 North Broad Street, Regina, Sask., for distribution. Mrs. Horne is the representative of the Presbyterian Church in Canada on the Relief Commission in Regina.

The railways have again very generously agreed to carry the bales for western relief free of charge.

We trust that each congregation will collect and ship their offering of clothing as quickly as possible. The cold weather is upon the western provinces and the help is urgently needed *now.*

Full directions *re* shipment have been sent through the Provincial to the Presbyterial Supply Secretaries of Ontario and Quebec. The Supply Secretary of the Council, Mrs. W. H. Fletcher, asks that Presbyterials and congregations adhere strictly to the directions sent out regarding *shipping bills,* in order that she may have a record of the bales sent for western relief.

# World Day of Prayer

## March 3rd, 1933

### A CALL TO PRAYER GOES OUT TO ALL PEOPLE

*''Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden.''*

YOU ARE INVITED TO UNITE IN A FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER
ON THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, MARCH 3, 1933

*''All people awake, open your eyes, arise.''*—Hopi Indian Prayer

### ''FOLLOW THOU ME''

**In Prayer.**—''And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into the mountain to pray; and continued all night in prayer to God. And when it was day, he called his disciples; and he chose from them twelve.

''And at even . . . all the city was gathered together at the door . . . And in the morning, a great while before day, he departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.

''Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest.''

**In Service.**—''Whosoever would be first among you shall be your servant, even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto but to minister, and to give his life.

''Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.''

**In Stedfastness.**—''When the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem.''

**In Sacrifice.**—''If any man will come after me let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.

''Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do . . . And the people stood beholding.''

*Mrs. Ruth Muskrat Bronson (Indian American) has prepared this call to prayer, and you are invited to use it until the World Day of Prayer, February 16, 1934.*

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# Books Old and New

BY LEREINE BALLANTYNE

LONG after the paper has been torn, and the tinsel lost, the gift of a good book will be treasured. It becomes as a friend and grows dearer with the passing of the years. The Christmas season is upon us, and for our readers convenient lists of ''specially'' suitable books have been compiled. A junior list, an adult list, and a list of Christmas books and plays for entertainments, makes selection a simple matter. The prices of a number of them are amazingly low.

We send out books on approval, providing those not purchased are returned promptly.

A DEVOTIONAL DIARY, by J. H. Oldham, D.D., is a delightfully new idea which enables the owner to keep a record of the amount of time spent on devotional reading. The contents of the book comprise the most beautiful selections of reading matter which could be found for a book of this type. It is a small book 4 x 6 inches bound in imitation blue leather, 75c. per copy.

UNTO THE HILLS, by Neville Calmes, is a very wholesome story of the Blue Ridge Mountains in which the characters do good without being washy, and plenty of action is mixed with well drawn local color. Price per copy $2.00.

THE FOUR MARYS, by Agnes S. Turnbull, is a splendid book. (See November page for its mention.)

A few books we would especially recommend for 'teen age boys and girls are:

THE YELLOW NAPOLEON. Thrilling, adventurous and enjoyed by both boys and girls. 75c.

THE WHITE KNIGHTS, beautifully bound, for 60c.

PETER PLAYNE, by Edward Seaman, the story of a splendid lad, cloth bound 60c.

A CHAIN OF GOLD, by Mary Entwistle, price 60c.

LAMPS AND LAMP-LIGHTERS, by John McBeath, a book of stories and incidents, bound in white, for leaders, price 65c.

A BUSINESS MAN'S CREED, by Roger W. Babson, a book for men, young or old—a delightful gift, price 60c.

HIGHWAYS OF THE SPIRIT is a beautiful little book of daily readings. It has 400 pages of Bible quotations. Price each $1.00, bound in cloth.

FOR SINNERS ONLY, by A. J. Russell, a story of the Oxford Group Movement is again available. Price $1.50 per copy.

## For the Christmas Entertainment

We have a short list compiled of suggestions for Christmas entertainments.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS, a little play for 19 children about 12 years of age is very good. Per copy 10c.

MISS MISSION BAND MEETS THE CHRISTMAS FAIRY, is for 8 girls and 5 boys. Some happy incidents are brought out in Home Missions. 5c. each, 50c. per doz.

**Books of Recitations are also available on this list.**

## A Christmas Prayer

DEAR Father of all mankind, we thank Thee for the Christmas season, with its revelation of Thy love. We praise Thee that our blessed Saviour came to earth a little child, that He dwelt among us, that He loved the little children and set them ''in the midst,'' that He knew our joys and sorrows, our temptations and distress, that He ''so loved us'' as to give His life for the sins of the world. We remember those to whom the home Christmas is denied, especially our missionaries in distant lands, and all absent from the home circle; lovingly we ask that they may have the blessed Christmas spirit within their hearts. Compassionate Saviour, draw near with Thy comforting presence, to all who suffer. Comfort all who mourn, and may the Prince of Peace arise this Christmastide with healing in his wings for the hurt of the whole world. God save our King and bless our Empire. May the Prince of Peace so rule the hearts of men and so control the counsels of those who have power among the nations, that the spirit of brotherhood shall become universal and wars shall cease to the ends of the earth. May the time speedily come when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that the King of Peace is Lord of all the earth. This we ask with the forgiveness of our sins in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## YOUNG WOMEN

### THE CHILD OF BETHLEHEM

''*AND lo, the star which they saw in the east went before them 'till it came and stood over where the young Child lay.*''

In a rude manger-bed they found the Infant Jesus, with Mary, His mother.

''*And this shall be a sign unto you: ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger.*''

Sweet angel voices announced the Christ Child's birth.

''*And the angel said unto them: Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord.*''

And the songs of the angels bless our listening hearts this Christmas-tide.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in;
Be born in us to-day.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell,
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel.
—Phillips Brooks.

### Along New Trails

A President of a Young Women's Auxiliary must watch all ''trails'' for her Society. Will this month with the election of new officers find you responding willingly when the call comes to you to be a ''guide'' along some trail of service for the coming year? Many of the ''guides'' will be new in service, new followers will join all along the way, but much of the success we will have along the ''trails'' will depend upon the faithfulness and loyalty of the members old in service.

One way to administer a pleasant ''dose'' of missions to your members is in the form of a playlet, the theme of which is, ''Find where you belong and Enlist.'' The characters: the mother, starting for the missionary meeting; the daughter, with a distorted idea of such meetings and numerous excuses for not going; the group at the meeting; the unexpected speaker, a young woman bubbling over with enthusiasm and earnest in her appeal for the co-operation of the women. The ''dialogue'' a series of jingles For illustration:

''Can't you just imagine that meeting, with papers so deadly and dry?
And clippings just miles from the subject, and hymns sung an octave too high?''

''Mission meetings are quite up to date now and programmes with interest are rife,
And women alert and intent, pour through them a tide of fresh life.''

''Our tale has been easily told—its moral you cannot have missed,
If you are not already enrolled, 'Find where you Belong and Enlist'.''

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### Remembering Others at Christmas

The Glenview Girls' Auxiliary, Toronto, are planning a supper and a Christmas tree for about one hundred boys and girls of the primary department of Evangel Hall, Toronto. This is the fourth year this Auxiliary, assisted by interested friends, have undertaken this entertainment for these children. Each girl receives a doll and each boy a mechanical toy.

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Some of the gifts for Miss Jenkinson's Christmas tree were contributed this year by the Young Women's Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Fort William. They were wrapped with fancy paper, tied with ribbon, stickers and a little Christmas card added to their appearance. Each gift was marked, "doll for a girl of four," "book for a boy of ten," etc., in order that Miss Jenkinson would know the contents.

### Success Suggestions

Be business like. Keep the meetings, especially the business session crisp and to the point.

### Wishes

The noblest wishes are not noble deeds,
And he does least who seeks to do the whole;
Who works the best, his simplest duties heeds
Who moves the world first moves a single soul.
—C. F. Richardson.

—F. D. H.

## GIRLS AND LEADERS

IN the midst of Christmas preparation, do not neglect to forward your Group's regular missionary contribution to the Treasurer of your Presbyterial! Do this before the end of December when the books close for the year 1932, otherwise your organization will not be credited with its gift, and it will seem as if you have not shared in the support of the health programme carried on in the Indian Residential Schools.

### WHITE GIFTS

A Christmas pageant in three scenes, based on the idea of the study book, "Who is My Neighbor?"

### Scene I

*Three Canadian girls, dressed in white middies and navy blue skirts, are seated together planning the Christmas vesper service.*

*Peggy:* "Of course, there must be the white gifts!"

*Joyce:* "And the candle lighting ceremony to finish up the service!"

*Kay:* "Well, rather." (Making note of suggestions on a pad.) "Who shall we ask to tell the Christmas story? And what about the music?"

*Joyce:* "Rosalie Kleinburg tells a story well."

*Peggy:* "But, she's a Jew, even if her parents do allow her to come to Sunday School. Can't you think of someone else?"

*Kay:* "What about you doing it yourself, Peg?"

***Peggy:*** "Guess again. Not me." (With an emphatic shake of the head.) "There's Hulga Aronson, only she hasn't a decent middie. Do you suppose I could lend her one for the occasion?"

***Kay:*** "It would hurt her feelings. She's proud."

***Peggy:*** "Well, I don't want to hurt anyone's feelings only Miss Mercer said to interest new members in the Christmas service. I've got to be moving along, girls, but you can count on me fixing the candles—that's my special." (Picks up books and departs.)

***Joyce:*** "Peg might just as well go. She says 'no' to everyone. Now what's wrong with Rosalie? Supposing she is a Jewess!"

***Kay:*** (Laughs) "Oh she wouldn't put a white ribbon on her white gift or something. We might have suggested Rosalie looking after the candles. Miss Mercer told us the other day that we really owe the idea of the candle lighting service to the Jews. She said that she was going to ask Rosalie to tell us the significance of the lighted candle."

***Joyce:*** "Well it is just as well that you kept that suggestion dark. Peggy loves to do the candles."

***Kay:*** "I expect that we had better have the usual people—Frances Aylesworth to tell the story and Mary to look after the music."

### Scene II

*Peggy's Dream. Behind the drawn curtain arrange two benches or two rows of chairs as if on either side of the aisle. A voice in the distance is heard singing Hymn 177 "As With Gladness Men of Old." At the words:*

*"As they offered gifts most rare*
*At the cradle rude and bare;"*

*Peggy crosses stage in front of curtain. She is wearing a kimona.*

***Peggy:*** (As if calling out to the family downstairs) "Good-night everyone. I'm off to bed. 'To sleep, to sleep, perchance to dream'."

Curtain is then drawn back and reveals benches filled with girls. In one Peggy, Kay, Joyce and their Canadian friends; in the opposite one Hulga, Rosalie and the other strangers within the gates.

***Leader's voice:*** "Behold there came wise men from the East to Jerusalem saying, 'Where is He that is born King of the Jews, for we have seen His star in the East, and are come to worship Him'."

***Girls:*** Sing Hymn 735, 1st verse, "Who is He in yonder stall?"

***Leader's voice:*** "And the wise men fell down and worshipped Him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh.' As did the wise men, so may ye offer your gifts, white gifts which symbolize the pure in heart."

(Music of Hymn 735 continues while the girls stand with their gifts in hand)

Then Peggy gasps. She has made a terrible discovery. Her gift is not white. (Her package has a grey or black wrapper.) She looks across at Rosalie and Hulga. Their gifts are white, Peggy tries to hide her's but everyone sees that her gift has reflected a guilty heart.

***Leader's voice:*** "'Create in her a clean heart'."

(The curtain is drawn)

Peggy again in her kimona crosses the stage. She is rubbing her eyes.

***Peggy:*** "Oh what a terrible dream." (Stops) "And it would serve me right if it were true. I haven't been very white about the new girls in our group. They are far more fit to offer gifts than I. They must have a place in the Christmas service. I'll see Kay and Joyce before school." (Peggy disappears.)

### Scene III

*Candle Lighting Ceremony—for all the group. Platform arranged as for meeting. Leader in chair, with Kay on one side and Rosalie on the other. A tall candle on the table. Each member of the group and any guests are supplied with small candles, slipped through a hole in a square of pasteboard.*

Leader takes her place beside the tall central candle and repeats:

> ''Long the nations waited
> Through the troubled night,
> Looking, longing, yearning
> For the promised Light.''

Central candle is lighted.

*Leader:* ''Then spake Jesus unto them saying, I am the Light of the world, he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life.''

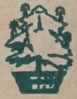
*Girls:* Sing first verse of Hymn 177, ''As with gladness, men of old.''

Meanwhile Kay and Rosalie light their candles from the central one and descending from platform light the candles of the girl at the end of each pew who, in turn, passes on the light to the girl next until all the candles are lighted.

Leader repeats as a prayer 4th verse of Hymn 169, ''Oh Holy Child of Bethlehem.''

Girls sing as recessional the remaining verse of the same hymn or some other such as 465, ''Oh Light that followeth all my way.''

(Arrange that Canadian girls and newcomers march out together.) This service of worship may be lengthened if so desired by the reading of the Christmas story and additional Christmas hymns.



## MISSION BANDS

### A CHRISTMAS PLAY

T*HIS story will make a good play for boys and girls to act.*

*The teacher tells the story. The children talk about it, divide it into scenes and make a list of the characters. Then they choose from among themselves the actors for the first scene.*

*They try the first scene, letting the actors make up their own speeches and action. Then they discuss the first scene and suggest improvements. New actors are chosen, and the scene is tried again. The same plan is followed for all the scenes. Every child should have several chances to play different parts.*

*The children dictate the play in its final form to the teacher, who writes it on the blackboard, a scene at a time. The children may copy it in their note-books.*

''Mother,'' said Nyondo, ''may I have some money? I want to buy Christmas presents.''

''My child,'' said his mother, ''I have no money. We are very poor and I can hardly buy enough food for us all.''

Nyondo hung his head.

''All the other buys in school are going to give presents!'' he said.

''So shall you,'' said his mother. ''Not all presents are bought with money. The best boy that ever lived was as poor as we are, and yet He was always giving.''

''Who was He,'' asked Nyondo; ''and what did He give?''

''This is His birthday,'' said the mother. ''He was the good Jesus. He was born in a stable, and He lived in a poor working man's house. He never had a penny of His own, yet He gave twelve good gifts every day. Would you like to try His way?''

''Yes!'' cried Nyondo.

So his mother told him this and that, and soon after Nyondo started out, dressed in his clean white shirt to give his presents.

First he went to Evina's house. She was old and lame, and she did not like boys.

''What do you want?'' she asked.

''May I stay for an hour and help you?'' said Nyondo.

''Humph!'' cried Evina. ''Want to keep you out of mischief, do they? Well, you may gather some wood for me.''

''Shall I bring you some water too?'' asked Nyondo.

''If you want to,'' said Evina crossly.

Nyondo gathered a big bundle of wood and stacked it neatly in the corner. Then he brought water from the well, cleaned out the jar and filled it full.

''What else can I do?'' he asked.

''Humph!'' said Evina. ''You might sit down and tell me why you came.''

''It is a Christmas present!'' said Nyondo. ''I am giving hours for presents, I had twelve—but I gave one to Mother, and another was gone before I knew I had it. This hour was your present.''

''Humph!'' said Evina. She hobbled to her basket and took out two little cakes that smelt very good. ''Here!'' she said, ''This is your present, and I thank you for mine. Come again, will you?''

''Indeed I will,'' said Nyondo, ''and thank you for the cakes.''

Next Nyondo went and read for an hour to old Akam who was blind. He read a book about the sea, and they both liked it very much, so the hour went quickly. Then it was time to help Mother get her firewood. Then it was time to help her cook the dinner and then time to eat it; that took two hours.

Then Nyondo took the baby from the next house, and carried him about for an hour. The baby's mother was very sick with fever and could not take care of him. They met the village evangelist who invited Nyondo to come to a Christmas tree that night.

Next Nyondo went to see his friend Mokamba who had not been to school for a long time because he was sick, and could not leave his bed. Mokamba was very glad to see him. They played a game, and then each told the other a story, and before Nyondo knew it the sun was down!

''Oh!'' cried Nyondo. ''You have had two!''

''Two what?'' asked Mokamba.

''Two hours,'' said Nyondo; and he told Mokamba about the presents he was giving. ''I am glad I gave you two,'' he said, ''I would give you three, but I must go and help Mother.''

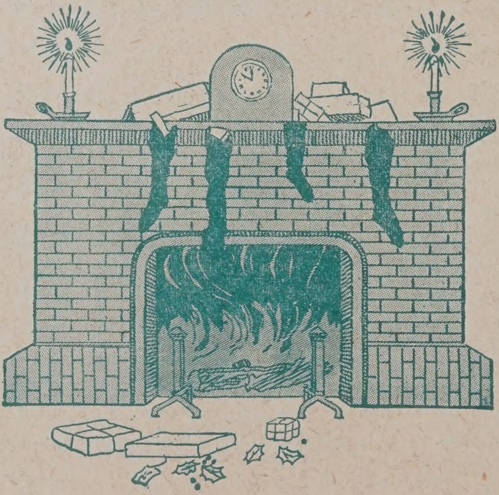
''Oh dear!'' said Mokamba, ''I thank you very much, Nyondo, I have had a wonderful time; but I have nothing to give you.''

Nyondo laughed. ''Why, don't you see?'' he cried, ''You have given me just the same thing. I have had a wonderful time too.''

''Mother,'' said Nyondo, as he was going to bed, ''I have had a splendid Christmas, but I wish I had had something to give you besides the hours.''

''My child,'' said his mother, ''you have given me the best gift of all—yourself.''

*This Christmas play, adapted from the ''Moga Journal,'' appeared in the magazine called ''Listen,'' published for African children.*



## Christmas Bells

Why do bells for Christmas ring?
Why do little children sing?

Once a lovely shining star,
Seen by shepherds from afar,
Gently moved until its light
Made a manger's cradle bright.

There a little Baby lay,
Pillowed soft upon the hay,
And its mother sang and smiled
''This is Christ, the holy Child.''

Therefore bells for Christmas ring,
Therefore little children sing.

—*Selected.*

# PROVINCIAL NEWS

### ALBERTA

Mrs. R. J. Chrystal, Carstairs, Press Secretary

CALGARY P.S. met in Grace Church on October 18th, with 20 members present. The Secretarial reports were most encouraging. Plans were made for the visit of Miss Jean Cowan. A paper was given on ''The Greatness of the Bible,'' and a reading by Miss Dorothy Weir entitled ''The Words of Prayer.''

The annual Thank-offering meeting of Grace Church Auxiliary was held October 19th. After a fine musical programme, Mrs. T. M. Allen gave an outline of the splendid work being done in the home land by our W.M.S. through our missionary workers, hospitals, school residences, welcome and welfare and magazine departments. Mrs. R. L. Freeman told of the work being done by our W.M.S. overseas. The speaker of the evening was Rev. F. W. Patterson, of First Baptist Church, who gave a most inspiring address on ''The Task of the Church'' and the great importance of bearing witness for Christ.

The leaders and girls of the North Hill C.G.I.T. recently entertained their mothers to a delightful banquet. Mrs. Woodside, the Superintendent, met the guests. The North Hill group leader was chairman of the programme while another leader had charge of the music and games. Mrs.

Polley, chairman of the Provincial Girls' Work Board, gave a short outline of the history and growth of the C.G.I.T. movement, emphasizing the fact that the programme of the C.G.I.T. is a definite part of the work of the S.S. and the W.M.S. Sixty-eight girls and guests attended. A programme of games, when each girl was her mother's partner, with singing, brought a memorable evening to a close.

**Edmonton P.S.**—The Women's Missionary Societies of Edmonton were favored in having the Provincial President, Mrs. Allott, present at their semi-annual meeting to give a summary of the business transacted at the Enlarged Council Executive meeting. Rev. C. E. Fisher, newly inducted minister, of Westmount Church, also made an address. At the September meeting of the First Church W.M.S. Dr. Margaret Strang, of Dixonville, was an honored guest. Her address thrilled the large audience and caused wonder as to how one person could minister to the sick, conduct church services and Sunday Schools, supervise building operations of church and manse, distribute clothing to the needy, have charge of social activities for both young and old, train a choir and orchestra, and above all, hold high the banner of Christ. Such, in part, is what Dr. Strang is doing. She also gave an address at St. Andrew's Church following the Sunday evening service. The Edmonton Presbyterial consider it a great privilege to assist her.

The members of the Lloydminster W.M.S. and Ladies' Aid held a joint meeting in September. They had as guest speaker, Miss Millicent Walker, deaconess at the Scott Institute, Toronto. Miss Walker gave a very interesting address to thirty-three ladies on the Welcome and Welfare work in Quebec, and on Sunday evening addressed a filled church on, ''The work among the Jews at the Scott Institute, Toronto.''

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

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### The Moderator Addresses Fall Rally

VICTORIA P.S.—The Right Reverend Robert Johnston, D.D., Moderator of the Presbyterian Church, was a distinguished guest at the annual rally of the W.M.S., held in St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, in September. Mrs. A. G. McDonald presided, and there was a large attendance from both local groups and outside points. Dr. Johnston spoke of the work of the Church in its various departments and organizations. Special commendation was paid the W.M.S., the Moderator declaring that no church could prosper if it lost the missionary spirit.

While the activities of the W.M.S. have been successful during the year it was a matter of great gratification that the young people's work had shown a marked increase both in membership and finances. Mrs. A. G. McDonald gave a well-prepared report of the Enlarged Council Executive meeting.

The annual Mission Band rally was held in St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, with a good attendance. Mrs. Sanders, Presbyterial Mission Band Secretary, presided. The speakers were Rev. H. P. S. Luttrell, and Rev. P. McNabb. Responding to the roll call the various Bands stood in their places, those not able to attend sent greetings by letter.

The ''Goforth'' Mission Band of St. Andrew's Church added four new members to its roll at the first meeting of the fall.

The Presbyterial met in St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, Mrs. McDonald, presiding. Mrs. J. F. MacLean, Deaconess-at-large, told of the summer camp for boys and girls at Sooke and attributed much of the success to Dr. Kannawin. Departmental reports were hopeful in tone. All the young people's organizations have resumed work with enthusiasm and under splendid leaders. There was a generous response to the supply allocation. Besides general literature, 100 books were sent to Grande Prairie for a Sunday School library.

St. Andrew's W.M.S., at their first fall meeting, heard an enlightening account of Japan and our missionary work there, by Mrs. Eldridge. The meeting closed with a poem ''O Stir Me Lord,'' from *Glad Tidings,* read by Mrs. Kennedy.

### Young People Organize

Work is being taken up again and the winter programme is getting under way. We are glad to report new organizations among our girls. St. Paul's, Victoria West, now has a Junior Auxiliary for girls between Mission Band and Y. W. ages, the first on Vancouver Island. Port Alberni has a second Mission Band, giving them Junior and Senior, and both wide awake. There are now 10 Bands within the Presbyterial, all under splendid leadership.

A Mission Band rally during the summer presented a good programme, which testified to the excellent training of the members. A number of older friends were present, some of whom gave helpful talks and all of whom seemed to enjoy the occasion as much as the younger folks. The ''Joseph McCoy'' Band of Knox Church, Victoria, had a large attendance at their September meeting. The President, Miss Thelma Wiltshire, was in the chair. Eight little girls read Bible verses, and a new song was learned. Mrs. J. F. MacLean, deaconess-at-large for British Columbia, told some interesting stories and the W.M.S. members served tea.

The ''Goforth'' Band of St. Andrew's and the ''Joseph McCoy'' Band, report a number of new members.

## MANITOBA

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SUPERIOR P.S.—The September meeting of Superior Presbyterial was held in First Church, Port Arthur, Mrs. Ballantyne presiding. Mrs. Smellie gave the Bible reading. Mrs. D. L. Cranston was appointed special Treasurer and was asked to explain to the Bands, Auxiliaries, etc., the Council's plans to help to reduce the Church Budget deficit.

In October, the W.M.S. of St. Andrew's Church, Fort William, held their Thank-offering. Mrs. F. McKay gave an interesting address on Thanksgiving.

The St. Andrew's W.M.S. and C.G.I.T. leaders had a sewing bee and quilted 5 quilts for the bale. Two were pieced by the Mission Bands and three by the C.G.I.T.

Miss Jean Cowan, Girls' Work Secretary, spoke to the C.G.I.T. girls on her way through to the west. There was a rally of 125 girls.

October 25th the W.M.S. of First Presbyterian Church held their Thank-offering meeting. Rev. P. Cundy, of West Fort William, gave a very helpful address on Thanksgiving and Service. There was a splendid attendance.

Fort Frances W.M.S., though isolated from the other Auxiliaries of the Presbyterial, carried on under the capable leadership of Mrs. Moore. Last year they studied the life of Dr. J. Robertson. This fall they plan to join in the Mastery plan by studying ''Paul's Epistle to the Colossians.'' The idea is to master the message of a single short book of the Bible in a month. They have arranged to join in the deficit plan. Meetings are interesting and well attended.

**Winnipeg P.S.**—Selkirk W.M.S. at their Thank-offering meeting had the junior choir lead the singing. The Mission Band was well represented. Rev. E. R. Garvin conducted the devotions, his theme being ''Thanksgiving.'' Miss Jean Cowan was the speaker and her address was much appreciated. The attendance numbered 63 and the offering was $15.40.

The Goodwill Auxiliary of Gonor Mission held a very largely attended and helpful meeting, October 13th. They had as speaker, Mrs. Flook, Presbyterial President. The members had been busy for some time on a ''Log Cabin'' pattern quilt, and after finishing it, all contributed to buy it in to swell our missionary budget, and thereafter make it a gift to Mrs. Flook as a token of appreciation for her many visits and cheering helpful addresses. They look forward to closing the year with their allocation more than met. All the other extras have been cheerfully accepted by both young and old.

First Presbyterian Church W.M.S., Winnipeg, held their Thank-offering meeting October 5th, Mrs. A. M. L. Long presiding. An interesting illustrated lecture on India, in two divisions—The Gwalior Mission, Jhansi, and The Bhil field—was given by Mrs. H. A. Robson. The devotional exercises were taken by Rev. W. Gordon Maclean, and Mrs. A. M. L. Long. Mrs. Lereine Ballantyne's Thank-offering hymn, to the tune of "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go," was rendered by Mrs. W. G. Mundie. The meeting was well attended.

## ONTARIO

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BARRIE P.S.—Helpful sectional meetings were held in five districts. At Penetanguishene, Miss Stringer was special speaker. At Bala, a faithful Band of Home Helpers entertained the northern district. Thank-offering meetings—Collingwood, Y.W.A. and Senior Auxiliary uniting, had Miss Stringer as speaker. At Orillia, where Mrs. W. A. McLennan, President, was speaker, an "In Memoriam" and a Life Membership were presented, with a generous offering. At Thornbury-Clarksburg, the work in Formosa was shown with lantern slides by Rev. E. Orsborn.

*(Continued from November)*

**Toronto P.S.**—A well attended fall rally was held in Dufferin St. Church, Toronto, afternoon and evening, September 29th. Reports were received from the girls who had attended summer schools. Speakers were Miss Stringer, India, Mrs. K. B. Schroeder and Mrs. D. Strachan.

**Barrie P.S.**—A joint meeting of Schomberg Auxiliary and Home Helpers was held recently, with a musical programme and social hour. Rev. W. T. Cranston and Miss T. Bairet gave addresses.

**Chatham P.S.**—Mount Zion Auxiliary, Ridgetown, had as guest speaker at their September meeting, Mrs. White, of Tung Chow, China, who served under the American Presbyterian Church for 37 years.

**Glengarry P.S.**—The annual meeting was held in Lancaster, with 114 delegates. Encouraging reports were given by Vice-Presidents, Treasurer and departmental Secretaries. Miss Norma McLeod, Maxville, a Deaconess in training, outlined her work. Mrs. W. A. McLennan, Provincial President, spoke.

**Guelph P.S.**—September Executive meeting was held at Livingstone Camp, Baden, when Miss Lois McRae, reported the activities of the Girls' Camp, and Mr. McInnis those of the Boys' Camp. Miss Whatling spoke of her work in India. Music was furnished by a Baden orchestra.

The Auxiliary of Knox Church, Guelph, held a tea in the lecture room on the 44th anniversary of the organization of the W.F.M.S. then composed of members of Chalmers, St. Andrew's and Knox. The first President, Mrs. Thos. Goldie spoke briefly of bygone days, and was presented with an old fashioned nosegay. In tribute to the pioneer women who began this work, a period of silence was observed.

**Huron P.S.** rally was held in Knox Church, Bayfield, with good attendance and encouraging reports. Messages were read from the many home and foreign missionaries who have gone out from Huron. Mrs. C. H. Thorburn, who brought greetings from the Provincial Society, gave a stirring address on ''Presbyterianism''. The President, Miss Jeckell, spoke on ''Stewardship.''

## QUEBEC

MRS. J. D. ANDERSON, 108 ELLICE ST., BEAUHARNOIS, PRESS SECRETARY

MONTREAL P.S.—The question, ''Would you rather be a big frog in a small pool, or a small frog in a big pool?'' was answered, in essence, by the Auxiliaries belonging to the frontier district of the Montreal Presbyterial, at their sectional meeting held October 15th, at Georgetown, in their decision to continue a part of the Montreal P.S. rather than form themselves into a new Presbyterial. No doubt the time may come when another generation of W.M.S. workers will feel qualified to undertake responsibilities which at present seem too heavy a burden to be laid on already overburdened shoulders. Miss P. Lamont, commended like her predecessor as ''a succourer of many,'' was present and spoke of her work in the west. The gathering was a representative one, all Auxiliaries in the district, but one, having sent delegates.

**Quebec P.S.** held a sectional meeting at Melbourne on October 4th, eighteen ladies being present. Mrs. Stalker presided, while Mrs. Price gave a report of the very successful Presbyterial held in Scotstown and brought forward the plan by which the W.M.S. can share in aid of the Budget Deficit and Extension Fund of our Church. This was also explained at the Georgetown meeting, Montreal Presbyterial, and the necessary mite boxes and Fact Sheets distributed.

Mrs. I. C. Sharp, President of the Quebec Provincial Board, presided at the half-yearly full Board meeting, held in Knox-Crescent Church, Montreal, October 18th. Every Departmental Secretary was present and each gave an encouraging report of the work under her care. Special mention was made of the enthusiasm displayed by the Young Women's Groups. Much interest has been evident in the Department of Literature, and unusual activity is also reported in the sending out of slides with lectures. Presbyterian nurses in training in the city hospitals and women students are being looked after by the Student Secretary. The Exchange Department is being used to advantage.

The Quebec Presbyterial feels much encouraged by the attitude of the Women's Auxiliaries in that district, in spite of the handicap of distance.

The outstanding feature of the work of the Montreal Presbyterial, so far, was the Conference of Treasurers, where it was resolved: to set aside a special time for prayer; to arrange for a Missionary Sunday in each congregation, and to endeavor to interest non-members in the work of the organization.

Reports were also received from Tyndale House, Immigration and Port Work, the Chinese school and the Presbyterian Residence.

Miss P. Lamont gave an address on the needs in the West, urging her hearers to advance the work in the Peace River district particularly, and give visibility and permanence to the cause by helping them to erect small buildings where meetings might be held.

## SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. E. G. D. MACEACHERN, 1934 VICTORIA AVE., REGINA, PRESS SECRETARY

MRS. W. G. BROWN, of Saskatoon, addressed W.M.S. Thank-offering meetings during the first week in October at Moose Jaw, Assiniboia, Weyburn and Regina. Large and appreciative audiences were present at all meetings to hear Mrs. Brown give an account of her recent trip to Formosa. While in Assiniboia Mrs. Brown was the guest speaker at the weekly luncheon of the local Kiwanis Club.

The sub-executive of the Saskatchewan Provincial Board met at the home of the President, October 28th, when they had the pleasure of meeting Miss Jean Cowan, Girls' Work Secretary, who has been visiting young girls' groups in the province.

The sub-executive of Regina Presbyterial met October 27th at the home of Mrs. J. A. Sinclair. Plans for the Presbyterial annual meeting were under discussion. It was decided to hold the annual meeting in First Presbyterian Church, Regina, January 18, 1933.

The Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, Regina, has outlined a programme of intensive study on India. At the last meeting the President gave the introductory paper on 'Vedic India.

## BUDGET DEFICIT CAMPAIGN NOTES

''Quebec Presbyterial, without a dissenting voice, have undertaken their share of the 'Maintain and Build Fund.' What can be accomplished by the one cent a week has certainly impressed them.''

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''The boys and girls of Coleville, Sask., have organized a club and have asked if they may have the mite-boxes. Coleville is not strong in members but they are of the very best quality, always ready to do their share and then some more if at all possible.''

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One Girls' Auxiliary, which consists of practically no wage earners, decided to hold a sale of cooking for this Fund.

### LIFE MEMBERS

*Ontario Provincial.—*

**Life Members:** Barrie P.S.—2; Chatham P.S.—4; Guelph P.S.—3; Kingston P.S.—1; Peterborough P.S.—2; Sarnia P.S.—1. **Junior Members:** Chatham P.S.—1 5th payment; Glengarry P.S.—2; Saugeen P.S.—1. **In Memoriam Subscription:** Sarnia P.S.—1.

*Quebec Provincial.—*

**Life Members:** 10. **Junior Members:** 3. **In Memoriam Subscriptions:** 2.

### Honorary Members

Rev. J. D. Anderson, B.A., Beauharnois, presented by Miss M. Kilgour; Miss Gertrude Holmes, Beauharnois, presented by Mrs. J. W. Kilgour; Mrs. (Rev.) David Scott, presented by Knox Crescent Church Auxiliary, Montreal; Mrs. (Rev.) Malcolm A. Campbell, presented by First Presbyterian Church Auxiliary, Montreal.

*Saskatchewan Provincial.—*

**Life Member:** Prince Albert P.S.—1.

## Treasurer's Statement

### *October 31st, 1932*

### RECEIPTS

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| Miss Mary Murray, Calgary, Alta. | $ 2.00 |
| Legacy from the Estate of Catherine Courtney for Hospital Work in the West | 180.00 |
| Government Grant for Cecilia Jeffrey | 4,854.47 |
| Refund of Taxes at Prince Albert | 244.74 |
| Refund on Budget Campaign Expenses and Sale of Fact Sheets | 11.25 |
| Provincial Givings: | |
| Alberta | 369.60 |
| British Columbia | 350.00 |
| Ontario | 10,500.00 |
| Quebec | 1,900.00 |
| | $18,412.06 |

### DISBURSEMENTS

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| South Porcupine Hospital | $ 250.00 |
| Canora Hospital | 428.32 |
| Vegreville Hospital | 262.50 |
| Chinese in Canada | 735.39 |
| Work at Fort McMurray | 125.00 |
| Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School | 700.61 |
| Government Grant paid to Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School | 4,824.47 |
| Birtle Indian Residential School | 676.22 |
| Mistawasis Indian School | 132.00 |
| Presbyterian Residences: | |
| Huntingdon | 108.32 |
| New Liskeard | 66.66 |
| Saskatoon | 264.16 |
| Prince Albert | 315.72 |
| Vegreville | 387.16 |
| Welcome and Welfare | 1,857.12 |
| Library | 33.93 |
| Lantern Slides | 248.91 |
| Publications | 733.55 |
| Organization | 566.16 |
| Pensions | 2,085.53 |
| Deputation | 22.70 |
| Student | 20.00 |
| New Missionaries | 66.90 |
| Formosa | 520.80 |
| India, Bhil Field | 83.33 |
| India, Jhansi | 170.00 |
| South China | 95.83 |
| Supplies | 133.10 |
| Exchange | 7.38 |
| Budget Campaign | 6.36 |
| Church Extension | 450.00 |
| Expense *re* Formosa Jubilee | 96.00 |
| Administration | 511.87 |
| | $16,986.00 |

(MRS D.) HELEN M. STRACHAN, *Treasurer.*

## NEW ORGANIZATIONS

### Ontario

London P.S.—Duff's Ch. Y.W.A., Dunwich.

Sarnia P.S.—Nairn Y.W.A.

## CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS TO ANNUAL REPORT

### Alberta

**Provincial Officers**—page 92—New Supply Secretary—Mrs. Chas. E. Lasher, 1146 Sydenham Road, Calgary.

### British Columbia

**Provincial Officers**—page 104—Lantern Slide Secretary—Mrs. Mary Turner, 2909 Alder St., Vancouver.

### Ontario

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Before the winter morn,
Before the earliest cock-crow
Jesus Christ was born;

Born in a stable
Cradled in a manger
In the world His hands had made
Born a stranger.

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